

# America's Industrial Revolution at The Henry Ford



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## Reading List

### Monday: The Transition From Home to Factory Production

Cowan, Ruth Schwartz. *More Work for Mother: The Ironies of Household Technology from the Open Hearth to the Microwave*. New York: Basic Books, 1983). Pp. 3 - 78.

### Tuesday: The Mechanization of Agriculture

Hurt, R. Douglas. *American Agriculture: A Brief History*. Revised Edition. West Lafayette, IN: Purdue University Press, 2002. Pp. 78-220 ([purchase required](#))

Rasmussen, Wayne D. "The Civil War: A Catalyst of Agricultural Revolution," *Agricultural History* 39 (October 1956): 187-195

### Wednesday: The Impact of Steam Power on Transportation

Gordon, Sarah H. *Passage to Union: How the Railroads Transformed American Life, 1829-1929* (Chicago: Ivan Dee, 1997). Pp. 13-263 ([purchase required](#))

### Thursday: The Increasing Significance of Science and Systematic Invention

Pretzer, William S., ed., *Working at Inventing: Thomas A. Edison and the Menlo Park Experience*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins Press, 2002 ([purchase required](#))

### Friday: The Development and Impact of the Assembly Line

Hounshell, David. *From the American System to Mass Production, 1800-1932: The Development of Manufacturing Technology in the United States*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1984. Pp. 217 - 301

Meyer, Stephen. *The Five Dollar Day: Labor Management and Social Control in the Ford Motor Company, 1908-1921*. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 1981 ([purchase required](#))

*Note: Readings **not** marked with [purchase required](#) are included in the course packet.*