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automobile industry?

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Moving to Michigan review/assesment questions

1. What were some of the positive aspects of life for immigrants working in the auto industry? What were some negative aspects of their lives?

The immigrants could find high-paying work after being pushed from their home countries due to unrest and economic reasons. Ford Motor Company helped them learn English, which was a requirement for citizenship after 1906. However, they had to get used to a new type of work, the assembly line, and were also required to adhere to Ford Sociological Department standards of living. This assimilation helped them adjust to a new lifestyle but also forced them to shed much of their previous identity. (USHG 6.1.3)

What are some of the causes for migrations to urban industrial areas in the North from other places in the United States?

The mechanization of agriculture reduced the need for workers on farms, leading people to migrate from rural areas all over the country but especially from the South to the North. Natural disasters like the boll-weevil plague made agriculture in the South difficult, too. African Americans also hoped to escape the oppressive racism of the South, although they did encounter discrimination and prejudice in the North. (USHG 6.1.5)

3. What are some of the causes for immigration from other places in the world to urban industrial areas in the northern United States?

The mechanization of agriculture pushed workers from Europe as well. Unrest also pushed people from Europe. Easier travel thanks to steam power, and the encouragement of family and friends in the U.S., also facilitated immigration. (USHG 6.1.5, WHG 6.1.2)

4. Why did an industrial workforce develop in places like Detroit? What factors impact the industrial workforce today?

So many workers were needed for the auto industry that whole families were employed in the industry, in both low-skill and skilled jobs. Today the industrial workforce faces challenges due to globalization and the Rustbelt to Sunbelt migration of manufacturing jobs. (USHG 6.1.5)

5. How have migration, immigration and the auto industry affected the state of Michigan?

Many new groups came to the state. These workers and their descendents formed an industrial workforce that today faces great difficulty.

(USHG 6.1.5, WHG 6.1.2)

6. How is globalization affecting the American automobile industry?

Manufacturing is being moved abroad where governments and unions have not set restrictive work laws and rules, workers can be hired for lower wages and health care is provided by the government rather than by employers. American companies also face competition from foreign manufacturers to sell cars. Foreign companies are opening plants in the United States, especially in the Southeast. (USHG 9.1.1, E 2.1.9)