Chapter 9: The Market Revolution Study Guide

Short Answer

Identify and give the historical significance of each of the following terms, events, and people in a paragraph or two.

1. factory system
2. individualism
3. corporations
4. transcendentalism
5. rise of the West
6. nativism
7. Erie Canal
8. Charles G. Finney
9. cult of domesticity
10. free blacks
11. Second Great Awakening
12. wage earners

Potential Essay Questions:

Explain how improvements in transportation and communication made possible the rise of the West as a powerful, self-conscious region of the new nation.

Discuss the impact of the market revolution on women and African-Americans (both free and slave).

Explain how transcendentalism and the Second Great Awakening affected the definitions of freedom. How were both movements a response to the market revolution?

Some women worked in the mills, relishing the freedom and independence they felt away from the farm for the first time, while others developed a cult of domesticity, thinking themselves free to not have to work outside the home. Compare the meaning of freedom for these two groups of women. Think back to previous chapters and compare the role of women during the market revolution with the “republican motherhood” role of women during the American Revolution.

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