

TEACHERS' GUIDE INTRODUCTION

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF IOWA (1870-1940)

The purpose of the *Explorations in Iowa History Project* is to provide supplementary primary source materials for teachers of Iowa history. This teachers' guide, *Social and Economic Development of Iowa (1870-1940)* targets the upper elementary and middle school levels. These project materials focus on the social and economic conditions which emerged as Iowa left the pioneer period and entered the twentieth century.

This guide is divided into three independent units:

Unit I: The Rise of Technology (1870 - 1896)

Unit II: The Golden Age (1897 - 1918)

Unit III: The Depression (1919 - 1940)

Primary Source Material

The source materials supporting each unit vary greatly in their content and format. Ranging from narrative memoirs to advertising pamphlets, the materials not only allow students to experience the historian's methods but also provide firsthand insights into the lives of Iowans of the past. In most cases, the source materials have been reproduced in their original form unless otherwise identified. Errors of spelling, punctuation and usage have for the most part not been edited. *The Iowa Housewife*, *The Iowa Farmstead* and *The Iowa Agriculturalist* are facsimiles of period publication and contain authentic source materials but were never published in the form found within this project. The following charts list the teaching materials and themes developed for each unit.

UNIT 1: THE RISE OF TECHNOLOGY- (1870 - 1896)

THEME	SOURCE MATERIALS
INDUSTRY	<i>"Life in a Lumber Camp,"</i> by George Austin Woodward <i>"Lumber Rafting on Wisconsin River,"</i> Simon Austin Sherman <i>"The Memories of a Raft Pilot: Captain J. M. Turner"</i> <i>"The Dubuque Lumber Reporter"</i> <i>"Musser Lumber Company "</i> (Advertising Pamphlet) <i>"M. A. Disbrow And Company"</i> (Catalogue)
AGRICULTURE	<i>"The Iowa Agriculturist"</i>
TRANSPORTATION/ COMMUNICATION	<i>"Growth of The Iowa Railroad Network"</i>
WOMEN	<i>"The Iowa Housewife"</i>

UNIT II: THE GOLDEN AGE (1897 - 1918)

THEME	SOURCE MATERIALS
INDUSTRY	<i>"A Tour Through an Albia Coal Company Mine, Monroe County"</i> (Edited Version)
AGRICULTURE	<i>"The Iowa Farmstead"</i>
WOMEN/ CULTURAL MINORITIES	<i>"As / Remember,"</i> by Minnie B. London

UNIT III: THE DEPRESSION (1919-1940)

THEME	SOURCE MATERIALS
INDUSTRY	Five Families in Dubuque: <i>"The Urban Depression"</i> Watson Family Interview Roer Family Interview Crumbaugh Family Interview Park Family Interview Beuscher Family Interview
AGRICULTURE	<i>"The Diary of Elmer Powers, (1932 - 33)"</i> <i>"The Diary of Clara Ackerman, (1932 - 33)"</i>
CULTURAL MINORITIES/ WOMEN	<i>"The Great Depression in Waterloo: The African American Experience"</i> (Interview Summaries) Mrs. Valetta Fields Mr. Cliff Smith Mrs. Marjorie Brown

Lesson Plans

Each lesson includes topics, objectives, materials, and procedure sections. The lesson descriptions by no means exhaust the instructional possibilities of these materials. Instead, the lessons are intended to provide a starting point from which the teacher may lead students into in depth investigations of Iowa history.

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