

Lesson Presentation #48 – Rise of Unions

*The purpose of these lessons is to expand and/or refine information covered in class. Each lesson is divided into topics which each includes a multimedia **Presentation**, **Text**, one or more **Explore** activities and a timeline. These lessons provided information through visuals, audio and texts ways.*

As you watch/read/look through the different topics in a given lesson, keep in mind what is being studied and how it all fits together. Source: *University of California College Prep Online* (www.ucopenaccess.org) – U.S. History

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Watch and read through the lesson and answer the following onto a separate sheet of paper:

Topic 1: Workers in America

1. In 1900, what percent of Americans owned 3/4th of the entire country's wealth?
2. How might this effect society in general?
3. By 1920, what percent of American manufacturing workers were women?
4. Why might this have happened, that so many women were working?
5. Describe what a "company town" was and its purpose, how it was set up and why workers lived there.

Topic 2: Union Organizations

6. In 1869, the Knights of Labor was formed. Describe what reforms this group wanted.
7. Explain what happened at Haymarket Square, Chicago in 1886. Describe what happened, why, and the overall effect it had on the Knights of the Columbus.
8. In the 1880s, the AFL was created. What does it stand for, who was it founder and what was its focus?

Topic 3: Major Strikes

9. Who were the Molly Maguires? What did they do, want and get?
10. Why did the railroad workers go on a national strike in 1877?
11. What was the result of the Homestead Strike?
12. Why did the Pullman workers go on strike? Who was their leader? Result?
13. Each of the strikes mentions had some degree of law enforcement, troops, and/or hired security involved. Explain how these groups were used by the companies and the result their involvement had on the workers and strikes.
14. Should troops and/or law enforcement get involved in business strikes? Why or why not? Explain.