

## Changing Nation Study Guide

Know the following:

- ~ Before the telegraph, people sent messages by traveling.
- ~ The telegraph was useful because people could read messages quickly.
- ~ Cattle ranchers sent their cattle to the North and East because they could sell their cattle there for more money.
- ~ In supply and demand, *supply* means the amount of something that people want to sell.
- ~ The invention of barbed wire changed the life of cattle ranchers because settlers blocked the trails with barbed wire fences.
- ~ Inventions changed people's lives because they could do more work in less time.
- ~ The electric light bulb made it possible for factories and shops to stay open at night.
- ~ Victory in the Spanish American War made the United States a world power.
- ~ Factory work was dangerous.
- ~ Before labor unions people in factories worked 10 to 12 hours a day.
- ~ The role of The Great Western Trail and the Chisholm Trail was it moved cattle from Southern Texas to railheads.
- ~ Asian immigrants faced more prejudice than European immigrants.
- ~ Some Americans wanted immigration to end because they worried that immigrants would take their jobs.
- ~ Women fought for the right to vote.
- ~ The Panama Canal had an impact on the time period because it provided jobs for individuals during the construction of the canal and it allowed boats to travel from the eastern United States to the western side without traveling around.

~The main reason for the growth of the Texas cattle drives was Texas ranchers made money selling their cattle in the North and East.

~Entrepreneurs changed the business practices in the United States by forming corporations to increase competition between companies.

~Immigrants lived in crowded tenement apartments without running water during the late 1800s and early 1900s.

~The cattle drives in Texas were an illustration of the economic concept of supply and demand by the Texas cattle ranchers had to get their cattle, which sold for low prices in Texas, to eastern and northern cities with higher demand, where they would sell for higher prices.

~African Americans chose to work as cowheads in Texas and other parts of the West because they found less discrimination on the cattle trails than they did in other places.

Know the following terms and people:

Transcontinental Railroad - connected the Eastern and Western United States by land.

Sodbusters - used iron plows to farm the Great Plains.

Asian immigrants entered the United States through Angel Island in California.

European immigrants entered the United States through Ellis Island in New York.

Many immigrants came to the United States looking for work and to escape persecution.

The labor union was formed to fight against unsafe working conditions and poor pay in large factories.

The progressives wanted to improve the lives of citizens and protect workers.

Cattle sold for a high price in northern cities because the demand there was high.

The price of cattle was low in Texas because the supply there was high.

A corporation pays part of its profits to its share workers.

Alexander Graham Bell - was an eminent scientist, inventor and innovator who is widely credited with the invention of the telephone.

Thomas Edison - was a famous American who invented the light bulb.

Theodore Roosevelt - was the twenty-sixth President of the United States and organized and helped command the 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Volunteer Cavalry Regiment, The Rough Riders, during the Spanish American War.

George Washington Carver - taught poor southern farmers to grow a variety of crops and invented over 300 products made from peanuts.

William McKinley - was the twenty-fifth President of the United States who was assassinated.

The Wright Brothers created the first successful airplane which led to an impact on war and travel.

Short essay:

1. Describe how competition, markets, and prices influence people's behavior.
2. Describe how entrepreneurs take risks to develop new goods and services to start a business.
3. Describe opportunity costs and their relationship to decision-making across time.
4. Describe how people earn income by selling their labor to businesses.