

Transportation and Industry Change Wisconsin

This chapter deals with the transformation of Wisconsin from a primarily rural state to one in which cities, businesses, and industries—as well as farms—flourished. Students will learn not only about the changes in transportation, industry, and lifestyles that came with this, but also about the new challenges and problems that resulted.

Activity 9.1 *New Industries and Old*

Overview

In this activity students work with two charts from their textbook, analyzing data about the most important Wisconsin industries in 1880 and in 1920. The only materials needed for the activity are copies of the student pages and the textbook, *Wisconsin: Our State, Our Story*.

Management

Materials

- Student Activity 9.1 (Teacher Pages 1–2; Student Pages 1–2)

Grouping

- Whole class
- Small group
- Individual, supervised or independent

Activity 9.2 *Political Cartoons*

Overview

This activity has two parts. The first is based on a primary-source document, a 1911 political cartoon about Senator Robert La Follette and his reforms. Students analyze the cartoon and answer simple questions about it. In the second part of the activity, students create their own cartoons about the Progressive Era.

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Materials

- Student Activity 9.2 (Teacher Page 1; Student Page 1)
- Political cartoons from recent newspapers (optional)
- Paper or poster board
- Crayons, colored pencils, and/or markers

Grouping

- Whole class
- Small group
- Individual, supervised or independent