



## **The Rise of Industry: 1870–1900**

### **Why Do I Care?**

Chapter Two of this book discusses the inventions of Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell. Both men lived before the invention of computers, cell phones, and the Internet. But their inventions were very important. Imagine your life without lightbulbs or telephones. How do you think these inventions changed US life in the late 1800s? How do you think Edison and Bell influenced future inventors?



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### Surprise Me

Chapter Four of this book discusses the Indian Appropriations Act. Are you surprised at how the US government treated Native Americans in the 1800s? Why or why not? Ask an adult, such as a librarian, to help you research conflicts between settlers and Native Americans in the 1800s. Find three important battles, and write a short summary of each. How did moving Native Americans to reservations impact their ways of life?



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### **Tell the Tale**

Chapter Two of this book discusses some of the inventions on display at the Centennial Exposition. Imagine you were there to see Alexander Graham Bell showcase the telephone. Remember, this was the first time people could communicate in this way. Write a short journal entry about how you might have felt about the telephone. Would you be excited? How would it change your life?



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### Dig Deeper

Chapter Three discusses immigration in the late 1800s. What questions do you have about the experiences of immigrants at that time? What questions do you have about immigration today? Ask a librarian or another adult to help you find stories from immigrants in the 1800s and stories from immigrants today. Write a short essay comparing them. Do the stories change your views on immigration?