



#### Vocabulary

Use the vocabulary words and definitions below as a reference for this unit.

aristocrat	a person of the upper class who had the most wealth and power
bourgeoisie	wealthier city-dwellers such as lawyers, doctors, merchants, and the factory-owning middle class
capitalism	an economic system in which land, factories, and other means of producing goods are privately owne and controlled by an individual or groups of individuals for a profit
communism	a theory of government in which wealth and property are owned in common, and production and labor are shared equally among the people in reality, the means of production a distribution are owned and controlle by the state
effective	able to change something or make something happen
free enterprise	the freedom to do business in a competitive market with little regulation or interference by government
immigrant	a person who comes to live in a country in which he or she was not born

imperialist (nation)	a country that has control over other
	countries or colonies

industrialize ...... to set up or develop manufacturing plants and other businesses in an area or country

laissez-faire ....... a French word meaning let things alone or let the people do as they please; a policy in which the government does not interfere in economic affairs

manufacture ...... to make or process something by hand or by machine

mercantilism ...... a government policy of controlling overseas markets

production ...... the act of making or creating something

**proletariat** ..... the urban working class

reform ...... change made for the better

sanitary ...... clean and germ-free

socialism	a political and economic theory in which the means of production—factories, machines, and the land—are controlled by the government or society rather than individuals, and the profits are shared equally among all its citizens
standard of living	a measure of the necessities and comforts available to a person or group
strike	stopping of work or services by a group of people to protest certain conditions
technology	the science that has to do with the mechanical or industrial arts
textiles	woven materials
union	a group of workers who join together to protect their interests and improve their working conditions
ventilation	the circulation or exchange of air
wage	payment for work done