

Timeline Challenge

Migration and Industry

1848

Gold Rush Begins

Gold is discovered in California. Miners from all over the world flock to the West in hopes of becoming rich.



1876

Battle of the Little Big Horn

Sioux and Cheyenne Indians successfully fight off an attack by the U.S. Army in the Battle of the Little Big Horn, also known as Custer's Last Stand. All the soldiers in the battle are killed.



1879

Invention of the Lightbulb

Thomas Edison's workshop invents the first practical electric lightbulb. By the end of the 1880s, small electrical stations provide power to city blocks in a number of cities.



1886

Haymarket Square Riot

Fighting erupts and several people are killed at a rally for an eight-hour workday at Haymarket Square in Chicago. It is not until 1938 that most workers win the right to an eight-hour workday.



1903

First Flight

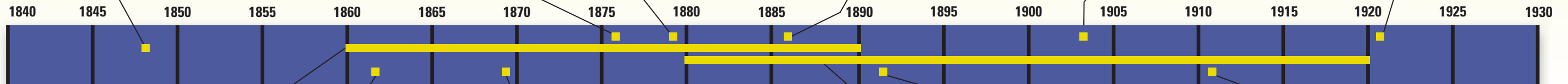
The Wright brothers successfully pilot the first airplane in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. The flight spurs worldwide interest in flying.



1921

Immigrant Quota System

Congress establishes a quota system restricting the number of immigrants allowed into the United States each year.



1860–1890

Plains Indians Forced onto Reservations

The government relocates Plains Indians onto reservations to make room for continued settlement of the West. Some Indian groups resist and clash with government forces.



1862

Homestead Act

The Homestead Act gives 160 acres of land in the West to settlers willing to work the land.



1869

Transcontinental Railroad Completed

The Transcontinental Railroad is completed, connecting the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and opening the West to further development.



1880–1920

Immigration's High Tide

More than 23 million immigrants arrive in the United States. Most flock to cities, where industry is booming and jobs are plentiful.



1892

Homestead Plant Strike

Workers striking for better working conditions clash with armed guards at a Carnegie steel plant in Homestead, Pennsylvania. The plant soon reopens with strikebreakers, and the union collapses.



1911

Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire

A fire at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in New York City kills 146 girls and women. The tragedy brings to light the poor working conditions in urban factories.