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History

* Almost all of the white men were able to vote
* Abolish Slavery
  + Most northern states went with gradual laws
    - No new slaves
      * All children of slaves free already
    - Pennsylvania said that current slaves were slaves for life
      * Last slave freed in 1847
  + Laws passed to block black rights
    - Harder for them to vote
    - Limited in freedom of movement
    - Denied the ability to take certain jobs
  + Manumission
    - Freed by the owners will
    - None in the lower south
      * Laws prevent it
  + Emancipation
    - Freed by the law
* Republican Motherhood
  + Become educators and informers
  + Equivalent to males being able to vote
* Samuel Slater
  + Intellectual pirate
  + Factory
    - Pioneered the landscape for the industrial landscape
  + Put-Out system
    - Farmed out unfinished products like cotton thread to farmers
    - They then turn it into cloth
      * You pay for this
* Cotton Gin
  + Cotton production skyrockets
  + Massive demand in old land
  + New states make their money on cotton
* Imagining a national identity
  + Appeal to “common” political culture, language, religion
  + Mass renaming of towns, streets, schools, etc.
  + Columbus rehabilitated as “first American” (Columbia = America)
  + Noah Webster’s American dictionary and grammar
  + “Civic Texts” = common “scripture” of citizenship
    - declaration of independence, constitution, washingtons farewell address
  + New England clergy interpret U.S. in terms of providential nationalism
  + Ultimate national symbol: George Washington