

Handout 4: Antebellum Transportation Revolution

<p>1. <u>Merchant</u></p> <p>Read:</p> <p>I am a merchant and I import the finest teas from all over the world. Everyone wants my tea because it is the best. I also export wheat.</p>	<p>2. <u>Farmer</u></p> <p>Read:</p> <p>I am a farmer and I grow wheat and make biscuits and have a lot of extra wheat to sell. I live a simple life. I've heard that in New York City people get to drink tea all day. I wish I could do that.</p>
<p>3. <u>Railroad Designer</u></p> <p>Read:</p> <p>I am a railroad designer. In order to build a railroad I need iron and wood for the tracks.</p>	<p>4. <u>Ironworker</u></p> <p>Read:</p> <p>I am an ironworker and produce iron, I can help.</p>
<p>5. <u>Sawmill owner</u></p> <p>Read:</p> <p>I am a sawmill owner. I have a mill that can provide wood for the tracks.</p>	<p>6. <u>Dairy farmer</u></p> <p>Read:</p> <p>I am a dairy farmer. I produce cheese and want to sell it in New York. I live near Cleveland. Now I can use the railroad to ship my cheese to New York.</p>
<p>7. <u>Clothing Manufacturer</u></p> <p>Read:</p> <p>I am a clothing manufacturer. Wow, I really want to sell more clothing. Now that I have more customers I can build a bigger factory.</p>	<p>8. <u>Apple Orchard Farmer</u></p> <p>Read:</p> <p>I am an apple farmer. I would like a new road or railroad built so I can transport my apples to Cleveland. Then I can get them to market and sell apples to more people.</p>

SIMULATION: ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF RAILROADS

Observations

How many total jobs existed before the railroad? _____

What were the jobs?

How many total jobs existed after the railroad? _____

What were the jobs?

What happened to the populations of New York City, Cleveland, and the farming communities surrounding Cleveland?

Inferences

What other types of changes might have been happening as the railroad systems grew?