AP US History

Early Industry Blog Post

Directions: Complete the following individual assignment on the AP US History Blog (klacks.weebly.com, Courses, AP US History, APUSH Blog). You are on your honor to only use your handwritten notes from the textbook reading and any ideas you derived from the End of Homespun activity. (2 posts total)

**Post 1: Thesis Statement**

Write a thesis statement for one of the following LEQ prompts. Please do so by clicking on “Comment,” typing your name into the comment box, and leaving a reply. You must start your reply with either “Prompt 1: Thesis Statement,” “Prompt 2: Thesis Statement,” or “Prompt 3: Thesis Statement,” and then leave a space and type your response.

You may not post anything similar to what a classmate has already posted. Be creative and specific.

1. “Developments in transportation, rather than in manufacturing and agriculture, sparked American economic growth in the first half of the 19th century.” Assess the validity of this statement.

2. In what ways did developments in transportation bring about change in the United States in the period 1820-1860?

3. Analyze the impact of the market revolution (1815-1860) on the economies of the following regions.

The Northeast

The Midwest

The South

4. The Jacksonian Period (1824-1848) has been celebrated as the era of the “common man”. To what extent did the period live up to its characterization in terms of economic development?

5. Historians have traditionally labeled the period after the War of 1812 the "Era of Good Feelings." Evaluate the accuracy of this label, considering the emergence of nationalism and sectionalism. Use your knowledge of the period 1815-1840 to construct your answer.

**Post 2: Supporting Argument (1 paragraph)**

In a separate post, write a supporting argument for a thesis statement presented by a classmate. Please do so by replying to that particular thesis statement. Title your reply with the prompt number and your posing argument. For example, you might type “Prompt 2: Social” or “Prompt 3: South” or “Prompt 1: Trains.” Then leave a space and type your paragraph.

You may not post anything similar to what a classmate has already posted. Be creative and specific.

**Please use standard grammar rules, including the following (you will lose points for failure to adhere):**

* DO NOT end a sentence in a proposition.
* DO NOT use any helping verbs (be, being, been, am, is, are, was, were, has, have, had, do, does ,did, can, may, might, must, shall, would, should, could, ought)
* Use the past tense.