Lesson Plan: Day 4

Grade: _11_
Unit: The Rise and Fall of a Textile Empire: Lowell, Ma 1820-1861

Goal (enduring understanding):

Massachusetts has a rich history. Among one of the many events of historical significance is Lowell’s rise as a textile manufacturing empire, leading to the birth of the American Industrial Revolution.

Besides the natural resources that provided waterpower, Lowell’s close proximity to the Northern New England farmlands enabled the mill owners to recruit labor.

Essential Question(s):

Were the mill girls treated fairly in terms of pay, living quarters, etc.?

Development and selection of activities and resources:

- The class will be handed out primary source documents and discuss the documents by answering the essential question.
- Brief lecture on the life of a mill girl
- Finish group project on recruitment poster

Content:

- The work, social, and recreational life of a mill girl.
- The Lowell Offering
- Lucy Larcom
- Sarah Bagley

Curriculum Standard:

Economic Growth in the North and South, 1800-1860

USI.26 Explain the importance of the Transportation Revolution of the 19th century (the building of canals, roads, bridges, turnpikes, steamboats, and railroads), including the stimulus it provided to the growth of a market economy. (H, E)

USI.27 Explain the emergence and impact of the textile industry in New England and industrial growth generally throughout antebellum America. (H, E)
  a. The technological improvements and inventions that contributed to industrial growth
b. The causes and impact of the wave of immigration from Northern Europe to America in the 1840s and 1850s

c. The rise of a business class of merchants and manufacturers

d. The roles of women in New England textile factories

**History and Geography**

5. Explain how a cause and effect relationship is different from a sequence or correlation of events. (H, C, E)


7. Show connections, causal and otherwise, between particular historical events and ideas and larger social, economic, and political trends and developments. (H, G, C, E)

**Assignment:**

In your class journal answer the following question we discussed in class: Were the mill girls treated fairly in terms of pay, living quarters, etc.? Has your opinion changed as a result of the class discussion/lecture? Use information provided in the class discussion handouts (Time table, Company Regulations, Boarding House Regulations, and Power Loom picture.)

In addition to your journal entry read *Lyddie* pages 62-93

**How will the essential question be assessed?**

- The essential question will be formally assessed thru class discussion and private journal entry.
TIME TABLE OF THE LOWELL MILLS

TO TAKE EFFECT SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1883

The following times being that of the Matthew and Lowell, as shown, for the Departure
From September 1st to March 31st, inclusive
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DEPARTING

7 A.M. 8 A.M. 9 A.M. 10 A.M. 11 A.M. 12 N.K. 1 P.M. 2 P.M. 3 P.M. 4 P.M. 5 P.M. 6 P.M. 7 P.M.


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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND.

From November 1st to December 31st, inclusive

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD.

From January 1st to March 31st, inclusive

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REGULATIONS
FOR THE
BOARDING HOUSES
OF THE
MIDDLESEX COMPANY

Two sisters of the Boarding House are not to board, or permit
any part of their houses to be occupied by any person except those in
the employ of the Company.

They will be considered answerable for any improper conduct in
their houses, and are not to permit their boarders to have company at
unsuitable hours.

The doors must be closed at ten o'clock in the evening, and not
be opened after that time without some reasonable excuse.

The keepers of the Boarding Houses must give an account of the
numbers, names, and employment of their boarders, when required;
and report the names of such as are guilty of any improper conduct, or
are not in the regular habit of attending public worship.

The buildings and yards about them must be kept clean and in
good order, and if they are injured otherwise than from ordinary use,
all necessary repairs will be made, and charged to the occupant.

It is indispensable that all persons in the employ of the Middlesex
Company should be examined who have not been, or else the families
with whom they board, which will be done at the expense of the
Company.

SAMUEL LAWRENCE, Agent

Boarding House Regulations of the Middlesex Company, 18th Century.
Woodbridge Valley Textile Museum.
REGULATIONS
TO BE OBSERVED BY ALL PERSONS EMPLOYED IN THE FACTORIES OF THE
APPLETON COMPANY.

1. All operations are to be gratuitously in their proper stations, at the behest of the mill, and
not to be done in any other station. They are to see that all operations in their concern are
performed in time in that station. They are not to permit any of their employees to
work or perform their operations in the manner of service except in cases of absolute
necessity.

2. Any person in the employ of the Appleton Company is required to adhere to the
regulations of the concern to the extent that they are employed. They are not to be
exempt from their duty, without the consent of the manager, in case of necessity, and in
such cases they are to seek the advice of the chief of their department.

3. They are to be bound or out of the working houses belonging to the Company, and
to be bound to the regulations of the house where they board.

4. No regular appointment or public meeting on the Sabbath is necessary for the presence
of all persons. The Company will not employ any person, who is particularly
absent.

5. All persons working in the employment of the Company are required to be
present at all regular meetings, and those who have failings will not receive a
promotion.

6. All persons engaging in the employment of the Company are to give two
weeks' notice of their intention to terminate; and their engagements with the
Company is not considered in effect, unless they comply with this regulation.

7. These regulations are considered part of the contract with all persons engaging into
the employment of the Appleton Company.

G. W. LYMAN, Agent.