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Lesson 2 *People of the North*

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

Why do people adapt to their environment?

Factories of the North

Filling in the Blanks Refer to your textbook as you fill in the blanks with the words in the box.

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| discrimination | illegal | labor laws | Macon B. Allen |
| protection | prejudice | strikes | poor-quality |
| machines | employees | petitioned | employers |
| factories | belts | vote | right |
| Samuel Cornish | women | trade unions | labor |

(1) _____ took over more and more of the
 (2) _____ in the mid-1800s. Because of this,
 (3) _____ were able to produce more goods.
 Working conditions for (4) _____ became much
 worse. They had to work longer hours. Many workers got
 hurt on the job because they were tired. Also, the machines
 had moving (5) _____ with no shields for
 (6) _____. The factories were hot in the summer
 and cold in the winter. Children had to work under the same
 conditions because there were no (7) _____.

Workers began organizing into (8) _____ to try
 to get factory owners to make the working conditions better.
 They thought that they would have more power in groups.
 They held (9) _____ to put pressure on their
 (10) _____. In the early 1800s, it was

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(11) _____ to strike. Finally, in 1842, the government of Massachusetts gave workers the (12) _____ to strike.

Although slavery was mostly gone in the North, African Americans did not have equal rights with whites. There was racial (13) _____ and (14) _____. African Americans could not (15) _____, and they had to attend their own (16) _____ schools. However, there were some successful African American businessmen. (17) _____ co-founded a newspaper, and (18) _____ became the first licensed African American lawyer.

Women also faced discrimination. They were paid less than male employees and could not join unions. In 1845 Sarah G. Bagley founded an organization for female laborers. They (19) _____ for a 10-hour workday. Because they were (20) _____, no one paid them any attention.

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The Growth of Cities

Answering Questions As you read the section, answer the questions below.

1. Listing List three factors that had a big impact on the growth of cities in the mid-1800s.

2. Naming Name three Midwestern cities that grew as a result of being located on rivers.

3. Identifying The largest number of immigrants to the United States came from which two countries?

4. Describing How did immigrants change American life?

5. Defining What was a nativist?

6. How did the Know-Nothing Party get its name?

7. Identifying Point of View What were two reasons that people gave for opposing immigration?
