

## Module 6: A Nation Grows - 1877 to the 1900s

### Topic 1 Content: New Technology Notes

#### Introduction



Technological advancements changed American life at the turn of the Nineteenth Century. In this interactivity, you will learn about the steel plow, mechanical reaper, windmill, barbed wire, railroad, and telegraph.

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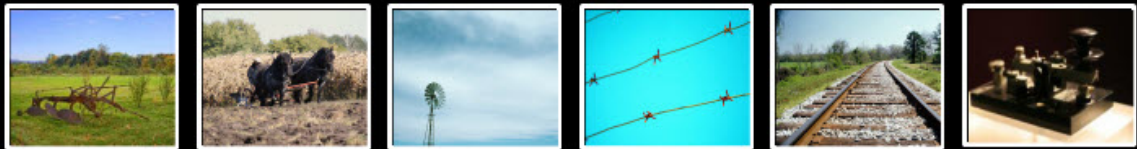
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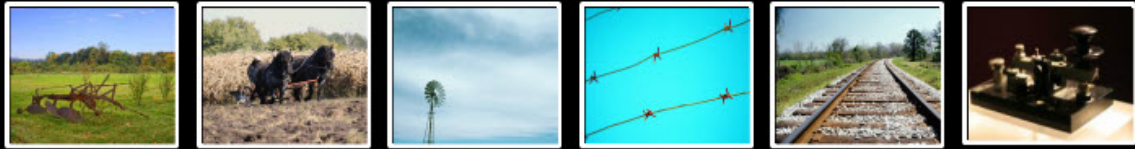
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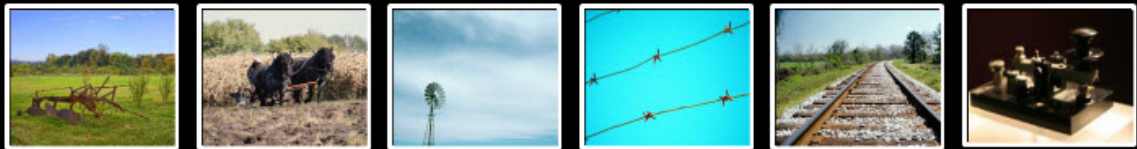
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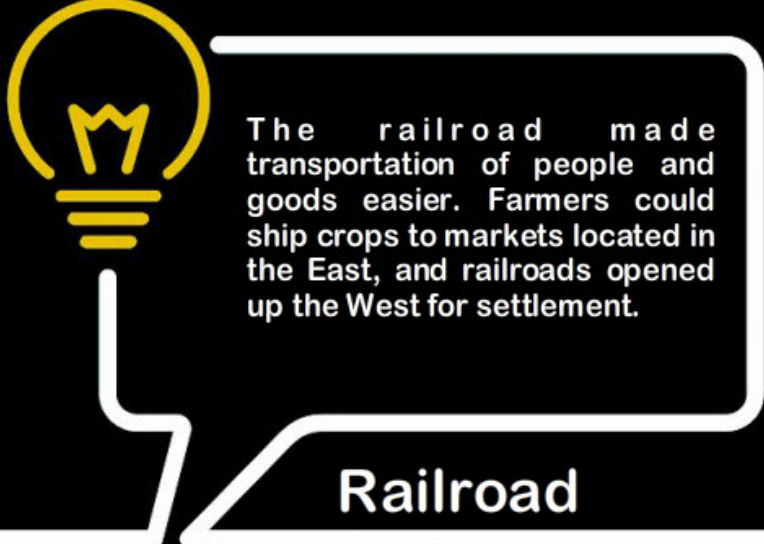
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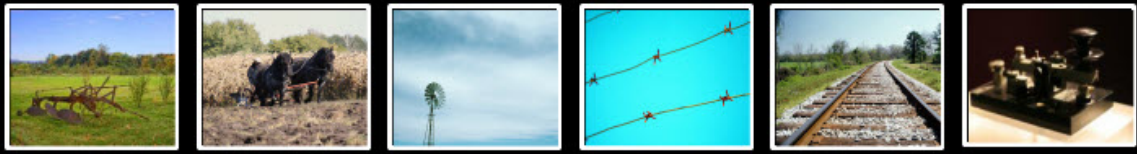
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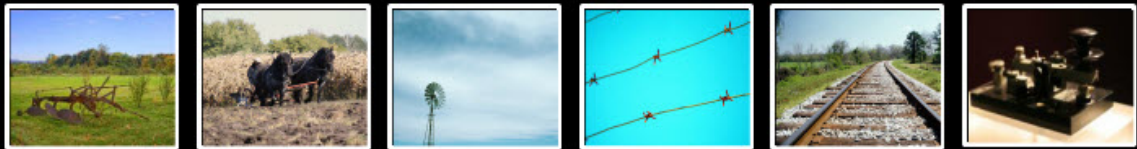
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