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OVERVIEW Sec1: Growth of the Cotton Industry

Cotton Revives the South's economy

Eli Whitney's cotton gin
Cotton Boom

Other Crops & Industries

Corn, tobacco, hemp & flax
Tredeger Iron Works

Key Terms & People:

Cotton Gin – machine that removes seeds from short staple cotton

Cotton belt – area of high cotton production. Parts of SC, GA, AL, MS, AR, LA & TX

Factors – crop brokers who manage the cotton trade

Tredeger Iron Works – most productive iron works in the country, in Richmond, VA

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The invention of the cotton gin revived the economy of the South

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- **Cotton** was not profitable, _____

- _____

Eli Whitney's Cotton Gin

- **Eli Whitney** patented the **cotton gin**, _____

- The cotton gin created a _____

- **Planters**— _____

- _____

- It made cotton so profitable that southern farmers
abandoned other crops.

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The Cotton Boom

- Removal of Native Americans opened up more land for cotton farmers in Southeast.
- Development of new types of cotton helped spread production throughout South, as far west as Texas.

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- _____

- Economic boom

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- _____
- _____

Cotton Belt

- Cotton had many advantages as cash crop:

- _____
- _____
- _____

- Cotton had major disadvantage—_____

- Farmers developed stronger types of cotton through crossbreeding,

- _____

- Cotton industry was labor intensive;

- _____
- _____
- _____

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Cotton Trade

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- Increased trade led to the growth of port cities
 - Charleston, Savannah, and New Orleans.
- _____
- Some people encouraged southerners to focus on other crops and industries

Other Southern Agriculture:

- _____
- _____
- **Tobacco** production- curing and drying leaves very time consuming
 - Production increased when a slave developed an improved drying process.
- _____
- As long as agriculture profits remained high, investors preferred to invest in land.

Southern Industry:

- _____
- Nation's first steam-powered sawmill built in Louisiana in 1803.
- _____
- _____
- Owner- Joseph R. Anderson
- _____