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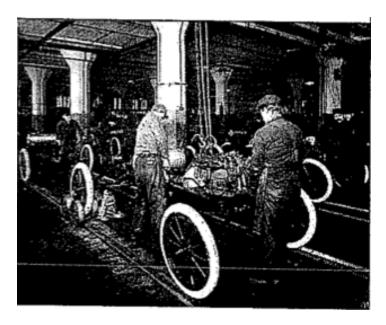




Science & Technology Lens



Economics & Labor Lens



Geography & Environment Lens

This lens looks at the relationship people have with the environment at any given time in history.

Ask these questions...

- How do people use the natural resources available to them of change their environment to meet their needs?
- How have geography, location, and climate influenced the way people in a particular region live?

Cultural Lens

This lens looks at culture as a system of beliefs, knowledge, values, and traditions that belong to different groups of people. Culture also includes art, music, literature, sports and food.

Ask these questions...

- How does culture shape the way human beings of this group interact or react to an event or another group of people?
- How do art, music, literature, and other cultural artifacts, reflect or shape a particular society?
- How do these people communicate and express themselves?

Belief Systems Lens

This lens looks at religion and values and how they affect people, government, and society.

Ask these questions...

- What role does religion play in society and government?
- How does religion and values shape the way people of this society relate to others?

Government and Politics Lens

This lens is used to analyze *who* has the power and *how* that power is used.

- How was the government created and how can it be changed?
- What are the similarities and differences between government in the world?
- How much power do people in society hold to influence their government?
- How are laws created?
- What power does the government have to create and change laws?

Social Structure Lens

This lens looks at the relationship between people in a particular society. For example, social class structures, and the relationship between men and women.

Ask these questions...

- Why do some groups have more power and higher status than others?
- What role do these relationships between people play in shaping the culture and government of a society?
- How do people try to change the way their society is structured?
- How do laws affect how people relate to each other and demonstrate the things they value?

Science & Technology Lens

This lens looks at how science is used to create new inventions and how technology affects society.

Ask these questions...

- How have people used technology to change the environment?
- Has technological progress brought about social progress?
- How have scientific and technological changes affected lives and influenced history in this time period?

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