US History - Chapter 7.2 (Sectional Differences)

1. The North Embraces Industry
   a. Thomas Jefferson's vision of agriculture
      1. Jefferson hoped to preserve the US with an agricultural economy
      2. 1815 to 1860 - US developed an industrial sector
      3. Democratic Republican policies contributed to industrial development
   A. Why Industrialization Spread
      a. Embargo of 1807 and War of 1812
         1. Americans begin building their own factories once cut off from British goods
         2. After war & embargo, British industry threatened small American businesses
         3. Congress imposes Tariff of 1816, which protected American industry
         4. Increased price of imported goods from 20% to 25%
         5. Encouraged Americans to buy American-made products
   B. Why the Northeast?
      a. Most factories emerge in Northeast
         1. Greater access to capital (money needed to build factories)
         2. South's land favored agriculture
         3. More cheap labor available in the north
         4. North had swift rivers
   2. Social Change in the North
      A. Workers Organize
         a. workers are troubled
            1. sought political change
            1820s - some artisans busied Workingmen's Party to compete in local and state elections
            3. sought free public education & laws that restricted the working day to 10 hours
         b. Labor Unions
            1. groups of workers who unite to seek better pay and conditions
            2. Focused on helping skilled tradesmen (carpenters or printers)
            3. Went on strike to force employers to pay higher wages, reduce hours, or improved conditions
            4. 1834 to 1836 - Lowell mill girls held strikes when employers cut wages and increased charges for boarding school
            5. Lowell strikes failed
         c. Factory owners turn to courts for protection
            1. 1835 - NYC court convicted 20 tailors of conspiracy for forming a union
            2. neither union movement nor Workingmen's Party prospered in 1800s
      B. A Middle Class emerges
         a. Industrialization helps some workers
            1. Middle class appears
            2. consisted of bankers, lawyers, accountants, clerks, auctioneers, brokers, and