



Industrial Revolution: A-Rick-a Bamboo Style

Grade 5

Social Studies/Music

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Social Studies: Objective 4

Understand the impact of major economic forces at work in the post-Civil War.

b. Describe the wide-ranging impact of the Industrial Revolution (e.g. inventions, industries, innovations).

Music Standard 5.M.R.6:

Explore/express feelings conveyed by a music selection through movement, drawing, or writing.

Objective: Students will learn about some of the important contributors to the industrial revolution by creating hand movements for song lyrics to perform for classmates.

Equipment and Materials needed:

Large area for students to move around in. (Gym)

Introduction:

Many Students know the repeating camp song A Rick-a Bamboo. If not, the lyrics and music are below. Quickly teach it and then explain that students will be changing the lyrics to learn about some of the industrial revolution great millionaires. After the lyrics of A-Rick-a-Bam-boo are lyrics for Henry Ford, Andrew Carnegie, John D Rockefeller, and J.P. Morgan. Put students in groups and have them make up their own hand motions to perform for the class. Hand motions to Henry Ford are also included if another example is needed. Students love performing this.

The Princess Pat ("Egyptian" pose)

Lived in a tree (straight line down)

She sailed across (wave motion in front of body with one hand)

The seven seas (number 7 with your finger, then make a "C" with one hand)

She sailed across (wave motion)

The channel too (two hands tracing a channel, then number 2 on one hand)

And took with her (throw a sack over your shoulder)

A Rick-a-bamboo! (trace a wavy figure in front of you going down, bend knees as you go)

A rick-a-bamboo (same as before)

Now what is that? (point hands)

It's something made (bang one fist on top of the other)

By the Princess Pat (Egyptian pose)

It's red and gold ("twirl" one arm down by your hip)

And purple too (flip hands as if you were saying "Oh my gosh!")
That's why it's called (cup hands in front of mouth, shout)
A rick-a-bamboo! (same as before)
Now Captain Jack (salute)
Had a mighty fine crew (salute several times)
They sailed across (wave action)
The channel too (same as before)
But their ship sank (plug nose, one hand over head and waving as you bend knees)
And yours will too (point to others in the circle)
If you don't take (throw an invisible bag over your shoulder)
A rick-a-bamboo! (same as before)
A rick-a-bamboo (same as before)
Now what is that? (point hands)
It's something made (bang one fist on top of the other)
By the Princess Pat (Egyptian pose)
It's red and gold ("twirl" one arm down by your hip)
And purple too (flip hands as if you were saying "Oh my gosh!")
That's why it's called (cup hands in front of mouth, shout)
A rick-a-bamboo! (same as before)

To go to the "Twenty-first Century music version" of Princess Pat, [click here](#)

Henry Ford Lyrics

Young Henry Ford _____

Built the Model T _____

So average folks _____

Could travel free _____

So average folks _____

Could country see _____

It helped our great _____

E-con-o-my _____

Econ-o-my _____

Now what is that _____

It's something made _____

When you don't say can't _____

It's great ideas _____

Opportunity _____

That's why it's called _____

Free Economy _____

Now Mr. Ford _____

Had assembly lines _____

His factory _____

Was looking fine _____

They Mass Produced _____

And you can see _____

It's all about _____

E-con-o-my _____

Econ-o-my _____

Now what is that _____

It's something made _____

When you don't say can't _____

It's great ideas _____

Opportunity _____

That's why it's called _____

Free Economy _____

Andrew Carnegie Lyrics

The steel industry _____

Was Mr. Carnegie _____

He sailed across _____

From the Scottish sea _____

He sailed across _____

To land that's free _____

It helped our great _____

E-con-o-my _____

Econ-o-my _____

Now what is that _____

It's something made _____

In rags broke flat _____

It's great ideas _____

Opportunity _____

That's why it's called _____

Free Economy _____

Now Carnegie _____

Had funds to share _____

He gave away _____

With loving care _____

Our libraries _____

His gifts we see _____

It's all about _____

Econ-o-my _____

Now what is that _____

It's something made _____

In rags, broke flat _____

It's great ideas _____

Opportunity _____

That's why it's called _____

Free Economy _____

John D Rockefeller Lyrics

John Rockefeller _____

Disease a crime _____

With his Oil Company _____

He used his wealth _____

The richest man _____

On medicine fine _____

You ever will see _____

He uses his wealth _____

A billionaire _____

To rid disease _____

The first was he _____

It's all about _____

It helped our great _____

Economies _____

E-con-o-my _____

Econ-o-my _____

Econ-o-my _____

Now what is that _____

Now what is that _____

It's something made _____

It's something made _____

In business hats _____

In business hats _____

It's great ideas _____

It's great ideas _____

Opportunity _____

Opportunity _____

That's why it's called _____

That's why it's called _____

Free Economy _____

Free Economy _____

Now John D felt _____

J P Morgan Lyrics

J. P. Morgan _____

liked monopolies _____

He built an empire _____

With lots of these _____

He loved his banks _____

And industries _____

It helped our great _____

E-con-o-my _____

Econ-o-my _____

Now what is that _____

Its something made _____

By men quite fat _____

It's great ideas _____

Opportunity _____

That's why it's called _____

Free Economy _____

Now Mr. J. P. _____

Loved art so bright _____

He collected gems _____

Like Morganite _____

This tycoon lent _____

To all in need _____

It's all about _____

E-con-o-my _____

Econ-o-my _____

Now what is that _____

Its something made _____

By men quite fat _____

It's great ideas _____

Opportunity _____

That's why it's called _____

Free Economy _____