Industry in 1900s Alabama

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, new factories sprung up across Alabama. Make your own map of industrial Alabama and find the location of these major factories.

Use the KEY and information to complete the map. Next to each industry is a symbol. Draw this symbol next to the correct town.

All about the Industries

Timber Industry - In the 1920s, Alabama ranked fifth nationally in total amount of lumber sawed and third in the production of yellow pine lumber. The community of Brewton was established and grew to be one of Alabama’s lumbering centers. The port at Mobile shipped lumber to markets around the world.

Coal, Iron, and Steel Industry – Rich coal and iron ore deposits made Alabama a center for industry. There were coal mines and furnaces in Birmingham, Bessemer, Anniston, and Gadsden.

Textile Industry - One of Alabama’s oldest industries was textile manufacturing. By 1900, Alabama was the fourth largest textile provider in the United States. Towns like Huntsville, Opelika, and Sylacauga were major cotton mill centers.

Add a star next to Alabama’s capital city!

KEY

- Timber Industry
- Coal, Iron, and Steel Industry
- Textile Mills

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