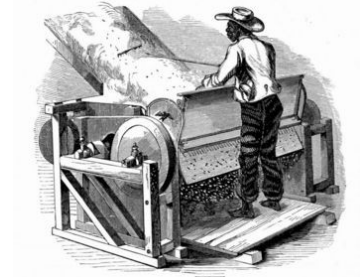


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Terms:

Inventor: someone who is the first to think of or make something

Entrepreneur: someone who organizes resources to bring a new or better good or service to market in hopes of earning a profit

New Technologies and the impact on society:

- The cotton gin was invented by Eli Whitney. It increased the production of cotton and thus increased the need for slave labor to cultivate and pick the cotton.
- Jo Anderson (a slave) and Cyrus McCormick worked to invent the reaper. McCormick was an entrepreneur who brought the reaper to market. The reaper increased the productivity of the American farmer.
- The steamboat was improved by the entrepreneur, Robert Fulton. It eventually provided faster river transportation that connected Southern plantations and farms to Northern industries and Western territories.
- The steam locomotive provided faster land transportation.

Essential Understanding: Prior to the Civil War, most industrialization in America was in the North; however, the equipment produced in the North had an impact on the farming society in the South.