

The North

Vocabulary Builder

Section 2

Sarah G. Bagley Francis Cabot Lowell Lowell system
Rhode Island system strikes trade unions

DIRECTIONS On the line provided before each statement, write **T** if a statement is true and **F** if a statement is false. If the statement is false, write the correct term on the line after each sentence that makes the sentence a true statement.

- _____ 1. The Lowell system included practices such as hiring young unmarried women from local farms to work in the textile mill.

- _____ 2. Sometimes union members staged protests called trade unions.

- _____ 3. The Lowell system was Samuel Slater’s strategy of hiring families and dividing factory work into simple tasks.

- _____ 4. One of the strongest voices in the union movement belonged to Sarah G. Bagley, who founded the Lowell Female Labor Reform Association.

- _____ 5. Francis Cabot Lowell was a businessman from New England whose mills used a loom that could both spin thread and weave cloth in the same mill.

- _____ 6. Groups that tried to improve pay and working conditions for their members were called strikes.

- _____ 7. Mill owners advertised for “Men with growing families wanted” in support of the Lowell system.

- _____ 8. Workers on strike refuse to work until their employers meet their demands.

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Section Quiz

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TRUE/FALSE Mark each statement **T** if it is true or **F** if it is false. If false explain why.

_____ **1.** Workers created missions to improve pay and working conditions in the factories.

_____ **2.** The Rhode Island system was a strategy of hiring families and dividing factory work into simple tasks.

_____ **3.** Most mill owners in the United States had a difficult time finding workers.

_____ **4.** The Lowell system was to hire young, unmarried men from cities to work in the factories.

_____ **5.** Francis Cabot Lowell founded the Lowell Female Labor Reform Association and played a large role in the American labor movement.

