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Chapter 10 Study Guide

- 1) Define patent:
a document registering an invention with the government patent office; gives the inventor sole rights to sell the invention
- 2) Define poll tax:
a tax that a person had to pay in order to vote
- 3) Define commute:
to travel to work regularly
- 4) Define vehicle:
a way of transportation
- 5) Define overcropping:
planting the same crop over and over
- 6) When was our **current** Alabama state constitution written?
Alabama's present state constitution was written in 1901. (see timeline on page 275, also p. 276)
- 7) Who patented the light bulb? What year did it take place?
Thomas Edison patented the electric light bulb in 1880.
- 8) Who made the first American car? What year?
Henry Ford made his first car in Detroit, Michigan in 1896.
- 9) Why was the boll weevil actually helpful to farmers? Where is there a statue of it today? p. 289
The boll weevil is a small insect that had a big impact on the state's economy. The female weevil lays her eggs in a cotton flower bud. The larvae then feed on the bud causing it to drop off. Without the flower, no cotton boll develops. When

the boll weevil had destroyed cotton crops in Alabama it forced farmers to quit growing cotton and start growing other crops that became profitable. The change that happened was a good one.

10) How many times has our state constitution been amended? p. 277

The state constitution has been amended more than 400 times since it was first written.

11) Which group of people lost the right to vote because of the Constitution of 1901?

The Constitution of 1901 made it harder for blacks and poor people to vote.

12) What were riverboats mainly used for?

Riverboats were mainly used for hauling barges loaded with goods like cotton, timber, manufactured goods, and agricultural products.

13) What did the United States try to do when World War I first began?

The United States decided not to take sides.

14) What caused the United States to get involved in World War I?

The United States decided to get involved after the Germans sank an unarmed British passenger ship, the Lusitania. There were 128 Americans among those killed in the attack.

15) Why was WWI called the “war to end all wars?”

People thought that there would be a lasting peace and no more wars would happen.

Woodrow Wilson called it the “war to end all wars” and said it was fought to make the world safe for democracy.

16) What were some technological developments that were used in WWI?

World War I was the first time that tanks, poison gas, and airplanes were used in battle.

17) Who made the first successful plane flight?

In 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright made the first successful airplane flight.

18) What are hydroelectric dams used for?

Hydroelectric dams used waterpower to generate electricity.