

South Carolina Railroad Museum
Fairfield, South Carolina

South Carolina Social Studies Curriculum Standards

5-2.3 Summarize how railroads affected development of the West, including their ease and inexpensiveness for travelers and their impact on trade and the natural environment. (G, E, H)

8-5.4 Compare migration patterns within South Carolina and in the United States as a whole in the late nineteenth century, including the population shift from rural to urban areas, migration between regions of the United States, the westward expansion, and the motivations for migration and settlement. (H, G, E)

USHC-3.1 Explain the impact and challenges of westward movement, including the major land acquisitions, people's motivations for moving west, railroad construction, the displacement of Native Americans, and the its impact on the developing American character. (H, G, E)

Enduring Understanding:

Significant inventions revolutionize cultures.

Essential Question:

How do inventions influence a person's decisions and actions?