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Teacher Tips:

- Make a booklet about the importance of railroads, new industries and the growth of cities after the reconstruction.
- Use 3 sheets of colorful 8 1/2 x 11” paper to create a bound book. For directions on making a bound book, see Dinah Zike’s Big Book of Social Studies, page 16. Each school has a copy of this book. See your social studies lead teacher.
- Glue the design at right on the cover of the booklet.
- To create each page, use photos/descriptions from the rectangles below, or teachers may choose to use only the photos and maps from this document, pages 6-8, and have students write details to explain the concepts from the Curriculum Framework, page 35.
- Students can add extra drawings and facts to each page of the booklet.
- Photos source: The American Memory Collection, Library of Congress.
- Map source: The Virginia Department of Education.

Virginia’s Economic Development
the importance of
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Box making in the T.B. Williams Tobacco Factory, Richmond, Virginia.

Cities grew with factories, people and businesses.

Railroads helped small towns grow into cities.

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Railroads helped factories grow. Virginia had clothing and furniture factories.

The railroad helped Roanoke grow and become a railroad center.
Alexandria, Petersburg, Lynchburg, Norfolk and Newport News grew. The railroad brought new jobs and more people.

Tobacco farming and products became important in Virginia
Growth in cities caused a need for better roads.

Coal deposits helped Tazwell grow.
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[Images of railroads, factories, and cities]

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