

# Focus Questions

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## ***New Hampshire: An Industrious State***

1. Describe two ways that early New Hampshire traders made money.
2. In the small towns of colonial New Hampshire, what was the chief occupation of most people – even surveyors and cabinetmakers?
3. How does the change in the official seal representing New Hampshire reflect changes in the way New Hampshire thought of itself?
4. Briefly explain how "cottage" industry or "outwork" helped the local economy in small towns.
5. What natural resource gave rise to tremendous growth of industry in the state?
6. Describe two ways that railroad travel helped the economy of New Hampshire's northern region.
7. A postcard dating from 1912 shows a vision of the future of Newport, N.H. Discuss ways in which the vision is accurate and inaccurate.



Dover's Sawyer Woolen Mills eventually became a department store. More recently, it was divided into condominiums.