



2022 Alabama History Institutes: Grades 7-12

Magic in the New South: Alabama During the Gilded Age

Southern Museum of Flight, Birmingham

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During the late nineteenth century, Alabama experienced substantial technological and economic growth, becoming an integral part of the New South. This workshop will focus on Birmingham during the Gilded Age (1870s to early 1900s). Founded 150 years ago, Birmingham boomed so quickly that it came to be known as the "Magic City." Educators will participate in learning activities they can use in their own classrooms to excite and engage students about Alabama during the Gilded Age. Activities will focus on using primary sources to practice reading and writing skills.