



The Pants Factory

SS 05-3.4.2 Students will describe how new knowledge, technology/tools and specialization increase/increased productivity in the U.S.

The Kentucky Pants Factory display shows a sewing machine that was used to make overalls in a factory that now houses the museum. The sewing machine is one example of technology that was used to produce a product much quicker than by hand. How did this machine increase production? What other advantages came about as a result of the sewing machine? Complete two of the following activities:

- **Write a paragraph to relate how the machine increased production in the making of overalls in the 1920s.**
- **Interview someone who works in a factory about the machines that are used and how they increase productivity.**
- **Draw a picture to illustrate how machines increase production.**
- **Tell how you think it would feel to work in a factory using machines that produce goods at a very fast pace.**

