

### The Lochner Era - Graphic Organizer

The “Lochner Era” is an unofficial title given to a 40-year period (1897—1937) during which the Supreme Court was particularly aggressive in striking down legislation intended to regulate working hours or other workplace conditions in the name of “freedom of contract” and a newly discovered right of “substantive due process.” Even conservative observers who might otherwise sympathize with the economic ideologies promoted now generally recognize this as a period of unacceptable judicial activism. Many of the decisions made during this era were later modified or overturned.

#### ***Allgeyer v. Louisiana (1897)***

The Situation / Primary Issue(s) or Questions(s):

The Court’s Decision / Explanation:

#### **Briefly Define & Explain the Significance of Each**

“Due Process Clause (14th Amendment)”:

#1 Thing to Remember About This Case:

“Liberty of Contract”:

#### ***Lochner v. New York (1905)***

The Situation / Primary Issue(s) or Questions(s):

The Court’s Decision / Explanation:

#### **Briefly Define & Explain the Significance of Each**

“police power (of the states)”:

#1 Thing to Remember About This Case:

“inequality of bargaining power”:

#### ***Adair v. United States (1908)***

The Situation / Primary Issue(s) or Questions(s):

The Court’s Decision / Explanation:

#### **Briefly Define & Explain the Significance of Each**

“yellow-dog contract”:

#1 Thing to Remember About This Case:

“Commerce Clause”:

**Hammer v. Dagenhart (1918)**

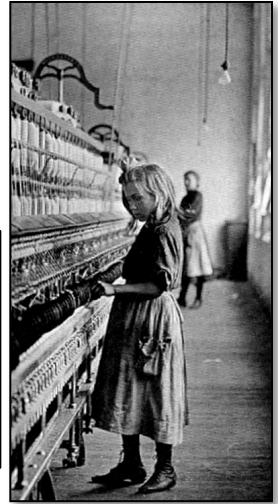
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The Court's Decision / Explanation:

**Briefly Define & Explain the Significance of Each**

"Progressive Era":

"The 10th Amendment":



**#1 Thing to Remember About This Case:**

**Adkins v. Children's Hospital**

Situation / Primary Issue(s) / Questions(s):

The Court's Decision / Explanation:

**Carter v. Carter Coal Company (1936)**

Situation / Primary Issue(s) / Questions(s):

The Court's Decision / Explanation:

**Briefly Define & Explain the Significance of Each**

"Due Process Clause (5th Amendment)":

**Briefly Define & Explain the Significance of Each**

"commodity":

"commerce":

**#1 Thing to Remember About This Case:**

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**West Coast Hotel Co. v. Parrish (1937)**

Situation / Primary Issue(s) / Questions(s):

The Court's Decision / Explanation:

**Briefly Define & Explain the Significance of Each**

"Minimum Wage Laws":

"The Switch In Time That Saved Nine":



**#1 Thing to Remember About This Case:**