

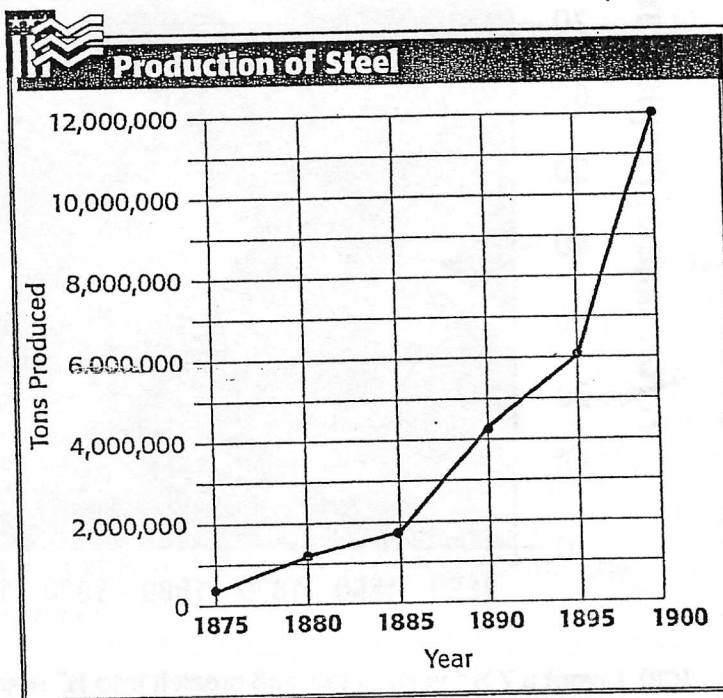
★ Chapter Skills Activity

Reading a Line Graph

Line graphs are often used to show changes that have taken place over time. To understand a line graph, first read the information along the bottom, or horizontal axis, and the left side, or vertical axis. To find out the value or amount at a particular time, locate the point on the line directly above a given year or time interval. Then determine the value of that point along the horizontal axis.

DIRECTIONS: Study the line graph. Then answer the questions that follow.

1. What is the subject of this line graph? _____
2. What is the period of time covered by this graph? _____
3. In what year was steel production about 4 million tons? _____
4. About how many more tons of steel were produced in 1900 than in 1885? _____



5. During what five-year period did steel production increase the most? _____

CRITICAL THINKING

6. Drawing Conclusions What conclusions can you draw about the economy of the United States during the period of time covered by the graph? _____