

Heritage Harbor Exhibits

Core Exhibits

Changing Exhibits

RI Turning Points
Historical Overview of RI

Bay Adventure
History of Narragansett Bay

Ocean State Journeys
Transportation History of RI

Wonders of the World
Industrial History of RI

Cultural Crossroads
RI Peoples and Traditions

RI Family Album
RI Communities and Common Culture

The Changing Face of History
Traveling/ Changing Exhibits

Native Stories
Pre-1636

The Vision of the New Golden Land
Bay reflections

Bay Parade
Water transportation

Colonial Crafts
Early manufacturing

The Arrivals
Finding the way to RI/ Immigration

Towns & Turf
Cities, towns, and neighborhoods

American Treasures Gallery

Colonial Times
1636-1763

The Bay in Colonial Times
Piracy, privateering, smuggling & the slave trade

Turnpikes, Toll Roads, and Tow Paths
Early roads & canals

Industrial Precursors
Paving the way for industrialization

Prejudice and Perseverance
Discrimination/ Assimilation

Belonging
Cultural clubs & organizations

Rhode Island Gallery

Revolution
1763-1790

Whale Tales & Fish Stories
RI fishing industry

Reign of the Train
Railroad industry

Big Wheels
Birthplace of the Industrial Revolution

Creative Survival
Working & Learning in America

The Good Life
Recreation, entertainment & sport

Crossroads Gallery

The Industrial Revolution
1790-1845

Boat Yard Celebration
RI Shipbuilding

Steamers & Liners
Steamships

Mighty Corliss & the Power of Steam
New engines expand industrialization

RI Treasures
Folk & religious traditions

Caring
Public service & institutions

Blockbuster Gallery

War and Unrest
1846-1866

Defending the Nation
The Navy and National Defense

Trolley Stop
Trolley transportation

Mother of Invention
Components of RI's industrial prominence

The Public Face
Community design & architecture

The Gilded Age
1867-1899

RI's Playground
Recreation, sport and leisure

Bridges and Byways
Automobile Transportation

The Mind's Eye
RI's history of design & innovation

RI Heroes
RI Heritage Hall of Fame & other local heroes.

Boom, Bust, & War
1900-1945

Eye on the Storm
Storms & shipwrecks

Flying High
Aviation

Mills on the Move
Industrial decline and transformation

Triple Decker
Life at home

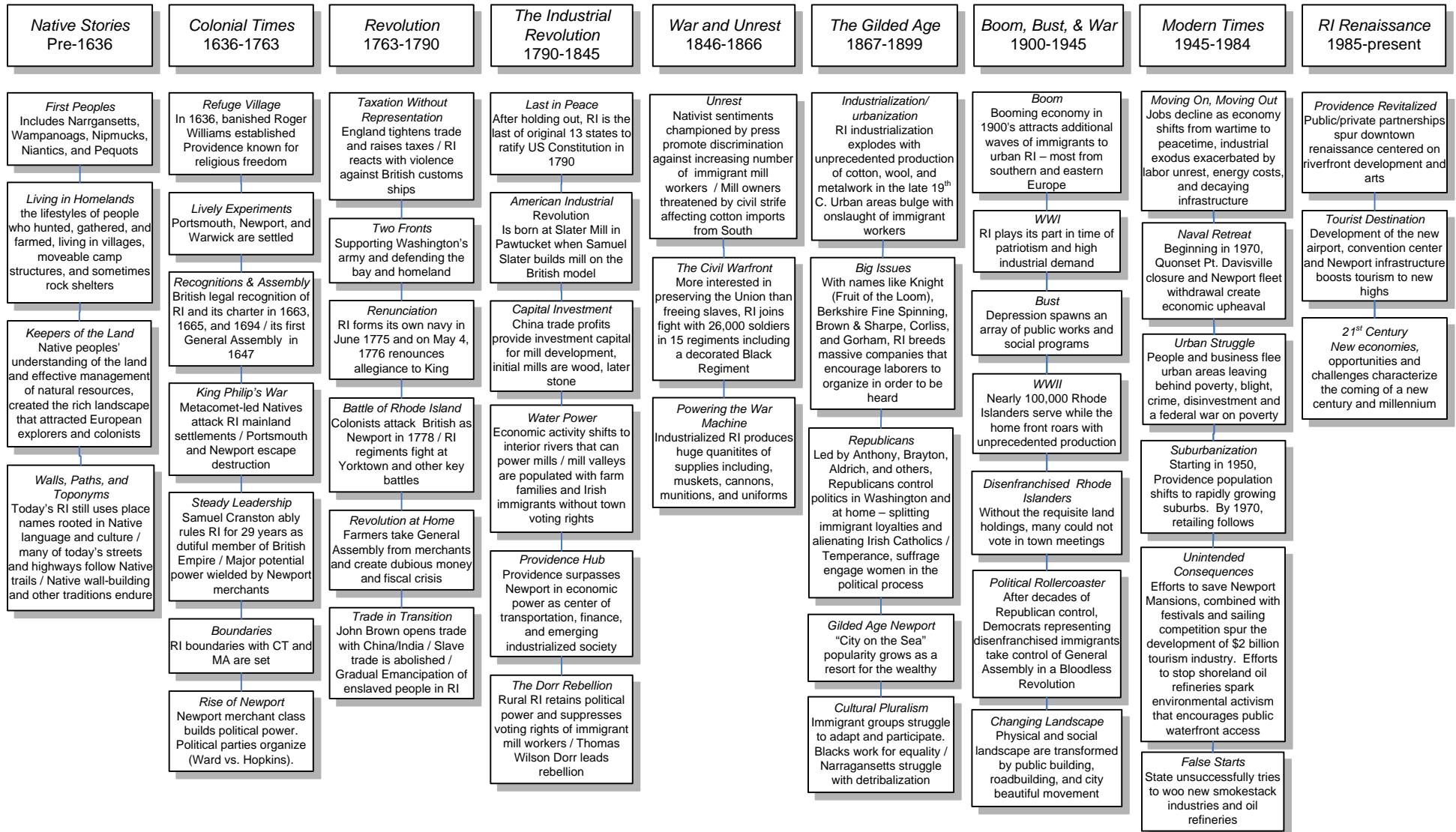
Modern Times
1945-1984

Forces of Change
Local and global influences on the bay

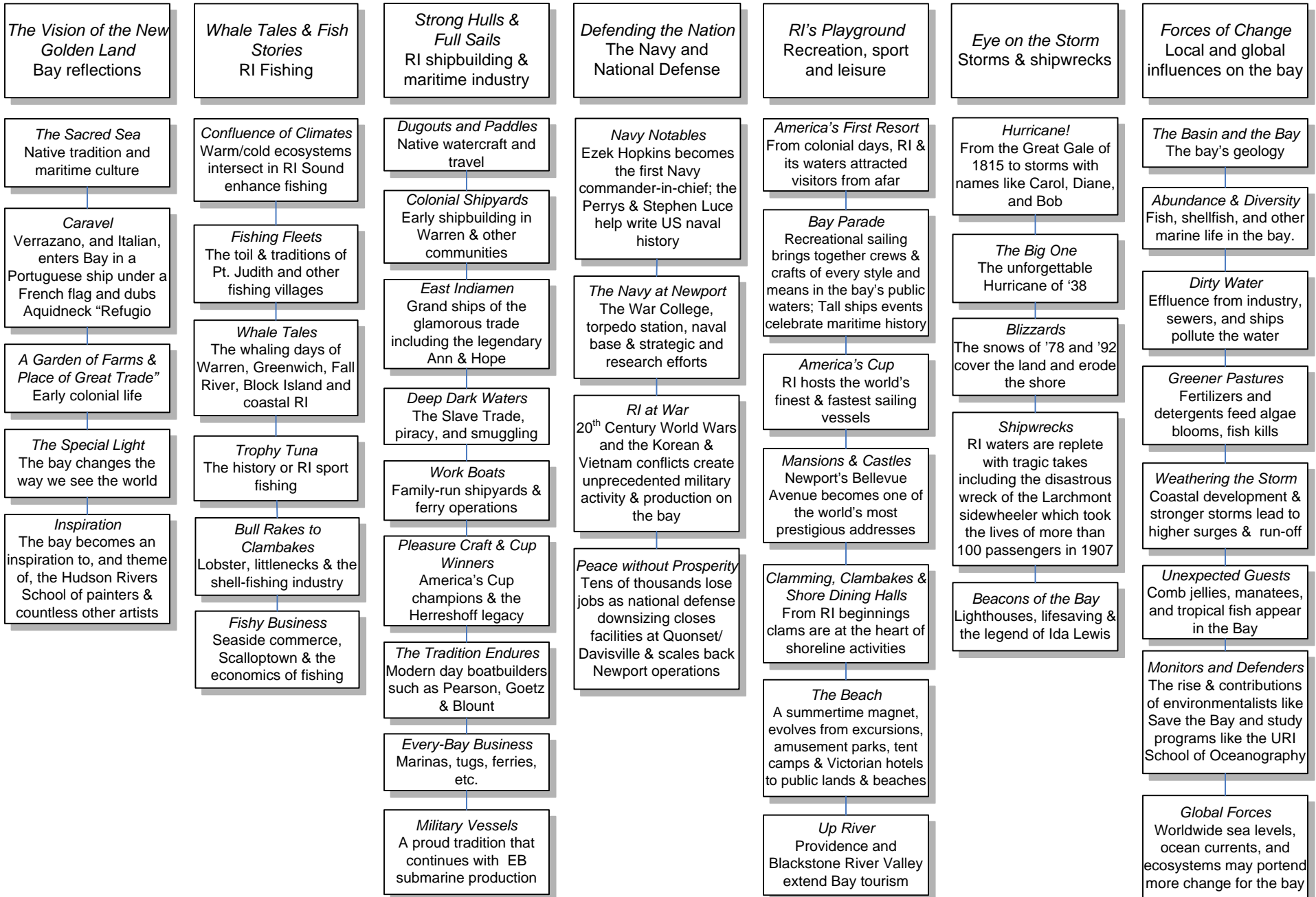
New Businesses
Conglomerates, multi-nationals & new technologies are born

RI Renaissance
1985-present

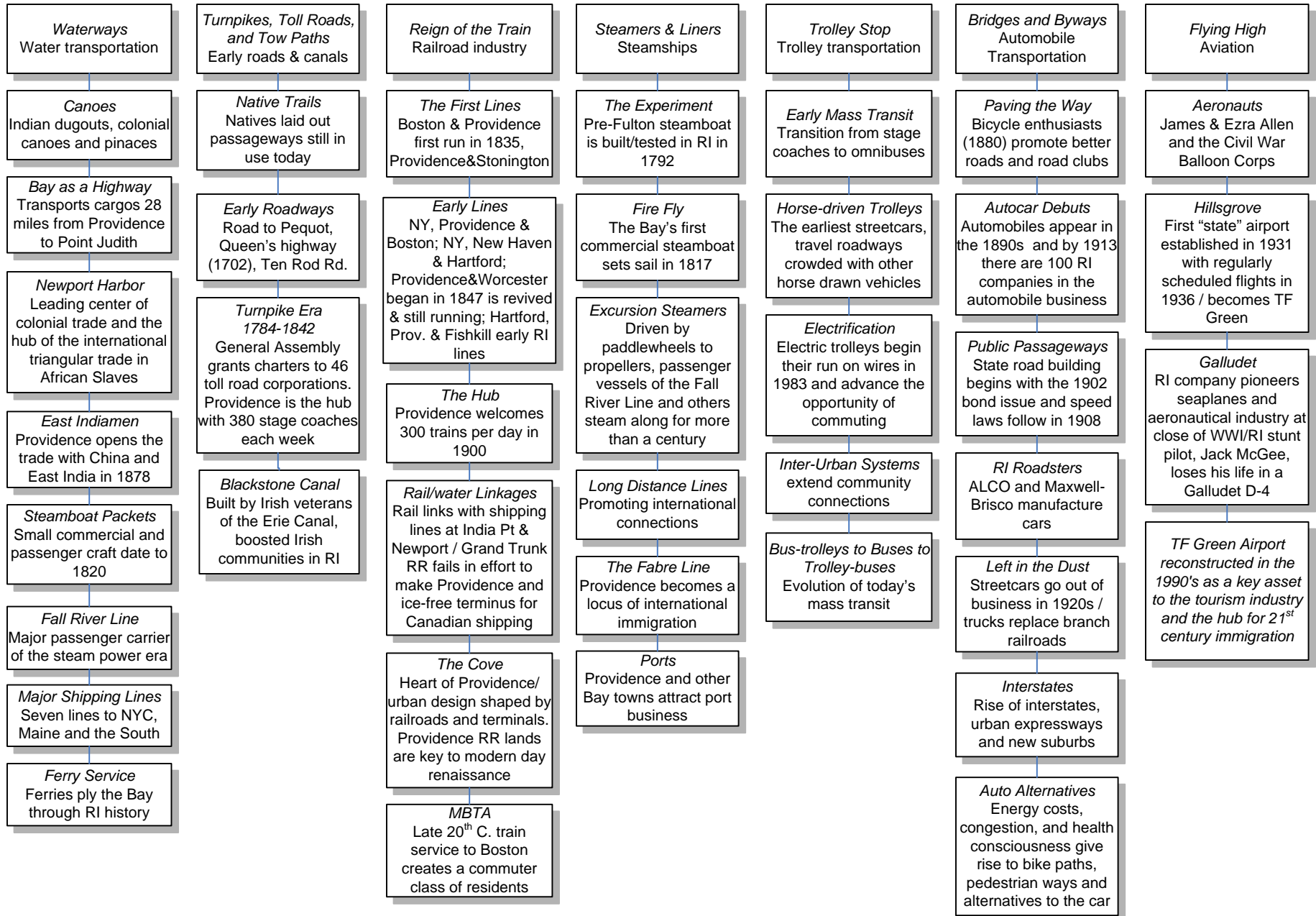
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Resourceful RI
Limited natural resources encourages manufacture e.g. whale oil into candles, silver coins into utensils

Forges & Furnaces
Jencks family forges make them the iron masters of their day / Brown family Hope Furnace cast revolutionary canons

Slater Mill
Samuel Slater's engineering & Moses Brown's financing give birth to the American Industrial Revolution

Mills Everywhere
Steam power enables mill development away from water

Head Start
Early industrialization attracted talent to textile, jewelry, machine tools & engine manufacturing

Living by its Wits
Overcoming RI's deficiency in natural resources

Fall of Manufacturing
Competitive disadvantages cause a sharp decline in RI manufacturing from the 1920s to 80s

Birth of the Conglomerate
Under the direction of Royal Little, Textron introduces "conglomerate" to the vocabulary of business

Fine Furnishings
Rhode Island (especially Newport) develops reputation for excellence in domestic crafts including furniture & silver

Machinists' Skills
Wilkinson & Sylvanus Brown establish a tradition of machining that paves the way for Slater & mill development

Industrial Contagion
Mill construction spreads like wild fire up & down river valleys

Engines of a New Economy
RI becomes a center for steam engine manufacturing

Training Edge
Cluster of mechanics & designers emerge from apprentice systems & training institutions

Ingenuity, Invention, & Imagination
Art and science converge in jewelry & other industries

Heading South
Mills move south to locate closer to raw material & further from union influence

Conversions
Fleet becomes Bank of America, Allendale becomes Global – exemplifying RI changes in business organizations & business cultures in an age of multi-nationals

Spin-off Industries
Mills create new industries e.g. machine manufacturing & itinerant mechanics

The Mighty Corliss
The Corliss steam engine becomes and icon of the industrial age at 1876 Centennial

Plentiful Patents
RI inventors produce large numbers of patents

The Sizzle
I history of sales & marketing

High Prices
High energy & environmental costs make New England manufacturing less competitive

Replacing the Smokestacks
RI industries shift to service and technology including 21st C growth in biotechnology & medical industry

Mill Villages
Mills give rise to self-contained villages with housing, goods & services for employees working long hours at low pay

Coal Trade
Shipping and railroad traffic expands to move massive quantities of coal from Pennsylvania

Infrastructure
Well developed shipping and rail enhance flow of goods & resources

The Look
RISD & other institutions make RI a center of design & style as added value to production

Shipping Slipping
New England railroad infrastructure loses significance with increased air cargo

Moving Materials
Providence emerges as a trade center for cotton & wools / turnpikes & towpaths are built river corridors

Smooth transition
Water-wheel driven mills use steam power interchangeably

Location
Proximity to NYC & Boston provides major markets

Home Spun
Many mill buildings are preserved through conversions to modern housing developments

Powerhouse
The story of the South Street Power Plant & its steam driven turbines

Industrial Wonders
By the late 19th C, Providence is a world leader in production of cotton, wool, base metals, precious metals, & rubber / Corliss, Gorham, Brown & Sharpe, Nicholson File, and American Screw are dubbed the "Five Industrial Wonders of the World"

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