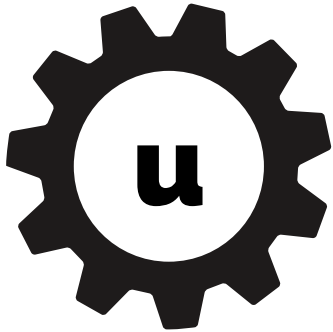


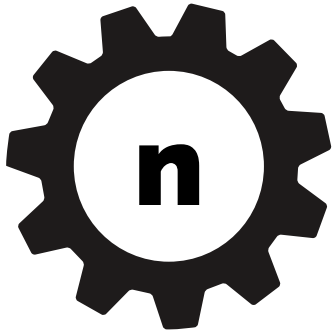


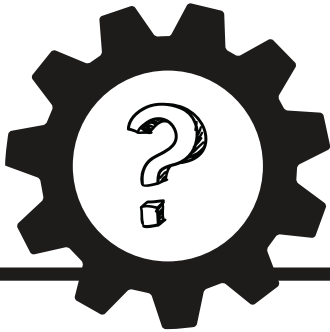
**Mississippian
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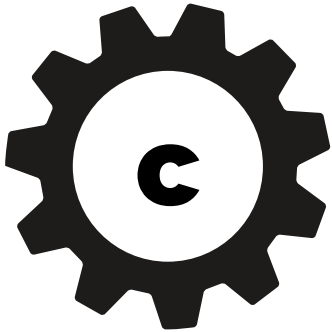


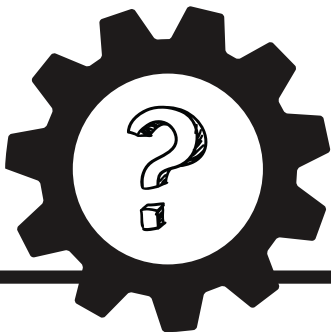
**Marquette and
Joliet explore
the Mississippi
River**



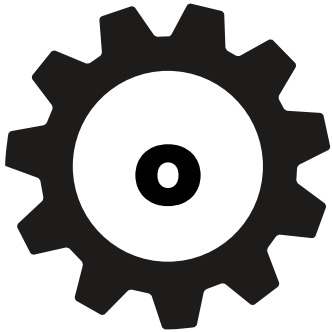


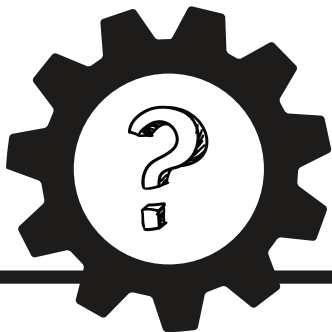
**Illinois
established as
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Territory**



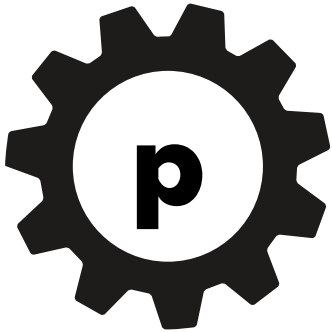


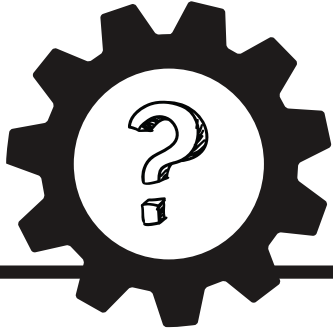
**U.S. Congress
makes Illinois
a territory**



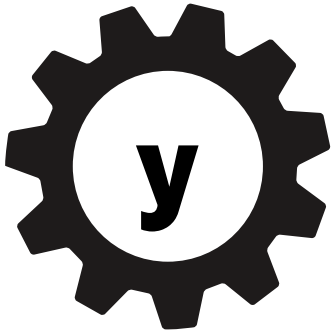


**Illinois admitted as
21st state; 1st state
constitution
established;
Kaskaskia is 1st
capital**



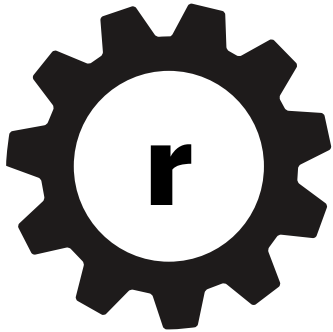


**Vandalia
becomes
new state
capital**



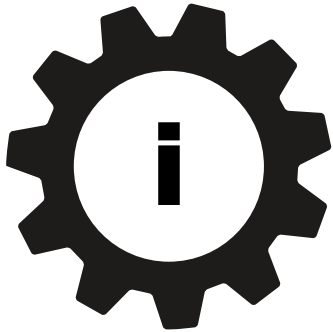


**Black Hawk
War drives
out Sauk and
Fox Indians**





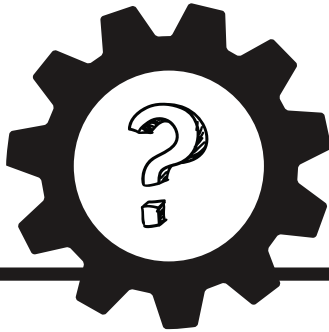
**Chicago
becomes a city
(pop. 4000); John
Deere develops
self-scouring
plow**





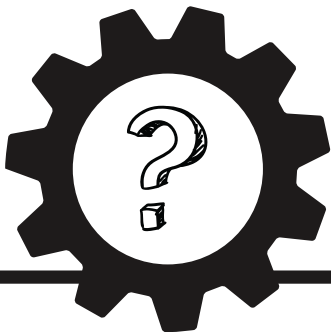
**Springfield
becomes state
capital; National
road is completed
from Cumberland,
MD to Vandalia**



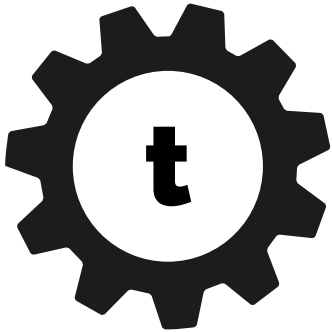


**Cyrus McCormick
begins
manufacturing
wheat reapers in
Chicago**



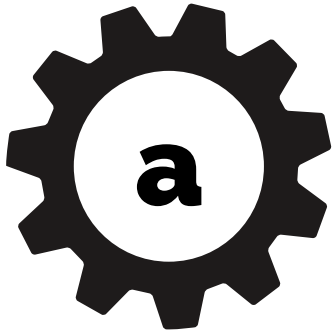


**Joseph Glidden of
DeKalb develops
barbed wire
fencing; patents it
in 1874**



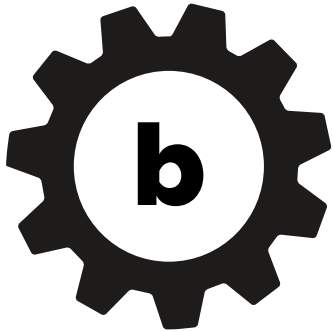


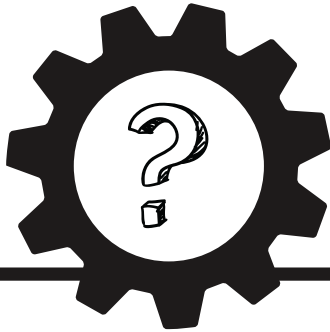
**A.E. Staley opens
first commercial
soybean-
processing plant
in Decatur**



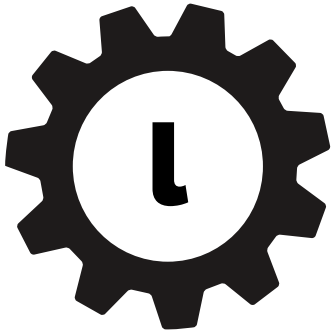


**Work begins on mass
production of
Penicillin at the USDA
Ag Research Center
in Peoria; mass
production for the
war effort will be
complete by 1944**





**Federal
environmental
regulations
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ethanol use**





**Worst floods in
state's history ravage
western and
southern Illinois,
covering 500,000
acres and causing
\$1.5 billion in
damage**

