

	thru light
1800	6 hrs work
1880	15 minutes
1950	8 seconds
2000	~ 0.5 second

thru $\begin{cases} \text{technological innovation} \\ \text{specialization} \end{cases}$

Using people's "self-interest" for specialization, creating a virtuous cycle
 \rightarrow no need for altruistic approach

"Man is an animal that makes bargains"

Against mercantilism and promotes free market economy, it regulates itself by $\begin{cases} \text{Competition} \\ \text{supply & demand} \\ \text{self-interest} \end{cases}$

Adam Smith

The wealth of a nation was measured by the reserves they had (Gold)

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 Minimize imports & maximize exports
 \rightarrow local business owners don't have to compete
 \rightarrow the state makes more reserves
 \rightarrow [mercantilism]

Wealth of a nation \propto Quality of its labor force

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 Incentives increases the quality of a nation's workforce
 \rightarrow one of the best incentives \Rightarrow strong sense of [Law & Order]

Smith's work discusses the evolution of human society from a hunter stage without property rights or fixed residences to nomadic agriculture with shifting residences. The next stage is a feudal society where laws and property rights are established to protect privileged classes. Finally, there is modern society, characterized by laissez-faire or free markets where new institutions are established to conduct market transactions.⁷