**Putnam History Museum**

**WPF Exhibition Worksheet**

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**Exhibition Gallery Walk Part 1**

Instructions: Read each panel carefully, after you have finished a panel, answer the related questions below.

**Panel 1 – West Point Foundry: Trailblazer of Industrial America**

1. Look at the painting in the middle of the panel. What do the men on the left seem to be doing? How would you describe the scene as a whole?

**Panel 2 – Beginnings**

1. List 3 natural resources that the Foundry used for production.
2. Why was it important for the Foundry to be located near a major river like the Hudson?

**Panel 3 – A New Kind of Workplace**

1. How did the West Point Foundry improve upon iron production methods?
2. What machines or technology did the Foundry use in the casting process?

**Panel 4 – Vertical Integration**

1. Name 2 raw materials used in the Foundry’s iron-casting process.
2. How would vertical integration help industrial companies like the West Point Foundry to be successful?

**Panel 5 – Paternalism**

1. Look at the photo in the upper-right hand corner of men seated on the steps. What type of clothing are the men wearing? How would this help identify managers and laborers?
2. How did Irish and German immigrants help companies like the West Point Foundry?

**Panel 6 – Growing the Cold Spring Community**

Read the following quote from Thomas Wylie, an Irish immigrant who worked at the West Point Foundry:

“I have got nothing of news for to write here. I gave you all the particulars of this barren wilderness before. I am always working in the same place, nothing for to do but work, eat & sleep. There is no places [sic] of amusement, no enjoyment like what I have been used to, nothing to gladden the heart for to make us forget our labour [sic] and our toil (Wylie 1851).

1. Why do you think Gouverneur Kemble built houses and a church for his workers?

**Panel 7 – Success!**

1. What made the Parrott gun better than other weapons during this time period?

**Panel 8 – Legacy**

1. Why did the West Point Foundry make less money after the Civil War?
2. Think about factories you’ve seen in person, on TV shows, or in videos. Name 1-2 similarities between these present-day factories and the West Point Foundry.