

**In 1793, when Eli Whitney visited a plantation, cotton was cultivated and harvested primarily by slaves, especially in the United States. Plantation owners recognized that the labor-intensive and time-consuming process of removing seeds by hand kept too many slaves out of the fields, but textile mills would not accept cotton that was full of seeds.**

**Whitney invented a simple device that revolutionized cotton growing. His cotton gin spun the cotton through a roller covered with teeth and the seeds fell away. The machine was later improved by Hogden Holmes. Large gins could be powered by steam engines or water wheels.**

**This advance allows Farmers to improve Cotton plantations to Level I. Plantations will produce two units of cotton per turn.**