**Unit 2 Study Guide – The Gilded Age**

***Due: Tuesday, October 8th***

**Key Terms**

**Industrialization**

1. Gilded Age
2. Great Railway Strike of 1877
3. Haymarket Square Bombing
4. Homestead Steel Strike
5. Pullman Rail Car Strike
6. Trusts/Monopolies
7. Corporations
8. Gospel of Wealth
9. Social Darwinism
10. Vertical Integration
11. Horizontal Integration
12. Strike
13. Collective Bargaining
14. American Federation of Labor
15. Knights of Labor
16. “Scabs” (strike-breakers)
17. Unions
18. *Laissez faire* economics
19. Thomas Edison
20. Robber Barons
21. Andrew Carnegie
22. John D. Rockefeller
23. James B. Duke
24. JP Morgan
25. Terence Powderly
26. Samuel Gompers
27. Eugene Debs

**Immigration and Urbanization**

1. “New” Immigrants
2. “Old” Immigrants
3. Nativists
4. Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882
5. Urbanization
6. Settlement Houses
7. Tenements
8. Hull House
9. Urbanization
10. Streetcars
11. Skyscrapers
12. Jane Addams

**Gilded Age Politics**

1. Panic of 1893
2. Interstate Commerce Act 1887
3. Interstate Commerce Commission
4. Sherman Anti-Trust Act 1890
5. Pendleton Civil Service Act
6. Bimetallism
7. Gold Standard
8. Populism
9. Populist Party
10. Omaha Platform
11. Political Machines
12. Political Boss
13. Patronage (Spoils System)
14. William McKinley
15. William Jennings Bryan
16. “Cross of Gold” Speech

**Essential Questions**

1. What does the term “Gilded Age” say about the time period (1870-1900)?
2. How did businesses change in the US during the Gilded Age? Why did businesses change this way?
3. How did changing businesses impact the lives of skilled workers in the US? Unskilled workers in the US?
4. What were working conditions like during the Gilded Age period? Why did corporations not want to change these working conditions?
5. How did these corporations shut out their competition and become monopolies?
6. How are *laissez faire* economic policies related to the creation of monopolies and the mistreatment of workers during the late 1800s?
7. How did Social Darwinism help the wealthy believe that the gap between rich and poor was okay?
8. According to the Gospel of Wealth, what did the wealthy have the obligation to do?
9. What did the role of the US Army in various major strikes during the Gilded Age show?
10. How did immigration change after the Civil War?
11. What factors pulled immigrants to the US? What factors pushed immigrants from their home country?
12. Which political party supported immigrants? Which political parties regularly opposed immigrants?
13. How did industrialization affect the different socioeconomic classes in the US during the Gilded Age? What kinds of things did you do as part of the growing middle class (how did people spend their leisure time they now had as part of the middle class)?
14. What were the political beliefs of the Republican Party? The Democratic Party? The Populist Party?
15. What were the 4 big political issues of this era in US history? Explain how the government addressed each of these issues.
16. If you wanted to inflate the value of money, would you use the gold standard or bimetallism? If you wanted to deflate the value of money would you use the gold standard or bimetallism to back up the money supply?
17. Why would the wealthy and industrialists support the gold standard? Why would the poor support free silver and bimetallism?
18. Why would businesses be in favor of a tariff? Why were Populists against it?
19. Why were laws like the Interstate Commerce Act and Sherman Antitrust Act so ineffective?
20. Who did the Republicans choose as their candidate in the Presidential election of 1896? Who did the Democrats choose? Who did the Populists choose?
21. How did industrialization change the nature of work during the Gilded Age?
22. When a business owns all of the steps in its production of a product, what is it called?
23. When a business buys out all of its competition, what is this tactic called?
24. How did these corporations shut out their competition and become monopolies?
25. According to the Gospel of Wealth, what did the wealthy have the obligation to do?
26. What was the role of the US Army in various major strikes during the Gilded Age show?
27. Which regions of Europe did most New Immigrants come from?
28. What factors pulled immigrants to the US?
29. Which industry did Andrew Carnegie control with his monopoly?
30. Which industry did John D Rockefeller control with his monopoly?
31. Which industry did James Duke control with his monopoly?
32. Which industry did JP Morgan control with his monopoly?
33. Which union was made up of skilled workers and excluded minorities and women?
34. Which labor union was led by Terence Powderly and was composed of unskilled workers of all races and genders?
35. What factors pushed immigrants from their home country?
36. Which political party supported immigrants?
37. Which labor union conflict was marked by a bomb killing police officers and the public getting angry at labor union violence?
38. Which labor conflict occurred at one of Andrew Carnegie’s plants because of wages being cut and workers being illegally fired?
39. Why did government officials more often side with business leaders during labor conflicts?
40. Which political parties regularly opposed immigrants?
41. How did industrialization affect the different socioeconomic classes in the US during the Gilded Age?
42. What were the political beliefs of the Populist Party?
43. What were the 4 big political issues of this era in US history? Explain how the government addressed each of these issues.
44. Which law tried to fix the problem of patronage?
45. Which law tried to fix the problem of RRs exploiting their customers?
46. Which law tried to break up monopolies/trusts when they were formed?
47. Why were the solutions to many of the political problems of the Gilded Age not really solved by politicians?
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54. Who did the Democrats choose?
55. Who did the Populists choose?
56. Who won the presidential election of 1896?