

THE GILDED AGE, THE ROBBER BARONS & THE RISE OF ORGANIZED LABOR UNIONS

1. Why is this period in US history (1870-1900) referred to as the “Gilded Age”?
2. What was the impact of the transcontinental railroad?
3. Who were Cornelius Vanderbilt, Andrew Carnegie, J.P. Morgan, and John D. Rockefeller and what industries did they control?
Vanderbilt-
Carnegie-
Rockefeller-
Morgan-
4. In what ways did industrialists like Rockefeller, Carnegie, and Morgan deserve the label “Robber Barons?”
5. In what ways did industrialists like Rockefeller, Carnegie, and Morgan NOT deserve the label “Robber Barons?” (*think charity*)
6. What is the Sherman-Anti Trust Act?

IMMIGRATION

7. How was the “Old Immigration” (1820-1860) different from the “New Immigration” (1880-1920)?
8. Where did most European immigrants at the start of the 20th century first go to get processed before entering the United States?
9. What was one argument in favor of restricting immigration at the end of the 19th century?
10. What was one argument against restricting immigration at the end of the 19th century?

INDUSTRIALIZATION AND URBANIZATION

11. How did the railroad play a key role in American expansion?
12. What were some positive effects of rapid urbanization in the U.S. during the Gilded Age?
13. What were some negative effects of rapid urbanization in the U.S. during the Gilded Age?
14. What does the term urbanization mean?
15. What was a tenement, and what was it like to live in one?

PROGRESSIVE REFORMERS

16. What exactly does the “Progressive Movement” or “Progressive Era” refer to?
17. What exactly is a “muckraker?”
18. What effects did the reports of the Triangle Shirtwaist incident have on readers, and what types of reforms did this incident help gain support for?
19. Who authored the book *The Jungle*, and what legislation did the book gain public support for?
20. Who was Jacob Riis, what book did he write and what impact did it have?
21. Who was Jane Addams?
22. What was Addams goal at the Hull House?

23. What was the role of Ida Tarbell as a muckracker?

PROGRESSIVE PRESIDENTS

24. How did Teddy Roosevelt transform the office of the presidency?

25. What was “trustbusting”?

26. What problem did the Pure Food and Drug Act attempt to solve?

27. What is conservationism and why did Teddy Roosevelt create as a result of this belief?

MORE PROGRESSIVE REFORMS

28. What are recall elections and initiatives and why did progressive reformers want these reforms?

29. What was the 17th amendment to the Constitution, and why was it considered progressive?

30. Which constitutional amendment were temperance advocates finally successful in adding to the Constitution, and what was the largest nationwide group pursuing this goal?

31. Which constitutional amendment finally achieved women’s suffrage?

AFRICAN AMERICANS—RECONSTRUCTION THROUGH THE PROGRESSIVE ERA

32. What exactly were Jim Crow laws?

33. What interpretation of Jim Crow laws did the Supreme Court make in the *Plessy v. Ferguson* decision?

34. What were W.E.B. DuBois’ ideas about the steps African Americans should take to gain equality? What organization did he help found to pursue those steps?

Reform (change)	Problem from the Gilded Age	Result of the Reform
Muckrakers		
17 th Amendment		
18 th Amendment		
19 th Amendment		
Conservationism		
Pure Food and Drug Act		
NAACP		
Arbitration & the United Mine Workers		
Eugene Debs		
Teddy Roosevelt’s Square Deal		
Jane Addams’ Hull House		

