

UNIT 6 GUIDE
The "Gilded Age"

VOCAB: Trust, Transcontinental Railroad

1. What factors led to the rise of America as an industrial superpower by the end of the 1800s?

Political factors:

Environmental factors:

Infrastructure:

2. Identify the "captains of industry" who led American business in the late-1800s and describe how they increased their wealth and power.

John D. Rockefeller:

Andrew Carnegie:

JP Morgan:

3. Describe the social theories that developed as business leaders increased their wealth during the Gilded Age of the 1870s-1880s.

Capitalism:

Social Darwinism:

4. What is vertical integration? Horizontal integration?

5. What did the Sherman Anti-Trust Act aim to do?

Immigration

Vocab: Ellis Island, Tenement Houses

6. Why was America called a "melting pot" in the late 19th century?

7. Where did most immigrants come from before 1890? Where do most come from after 1890?

8. What were some of the results of foreign immigration?

9. What actions were taken to reduce foreign immigration?

10. What were some of the results of urbanization in the late-1800s?

Unit 6 Questions

1. What process revolutionized production in the steel industry during the late-1800s?
2. During the Gilded Age, what economic policy enabled business leaders to conduct their affairs with almost no government regulation?
3. Which invention did Thomas Edison develop that changed American life in the late-1800s?
4. Which invention improved communication in the United States during the late-1800s?
5. How did the “captains of industry” enlarge their businesses during the Gilded Age?
6. What industry was Andrew Carnegie in?
7. What industry was John Pierpont Morgan in?
8. What business structure was used by John D. Rockefeller to eliminate competition in the oil industry?
9. What social theory was used during the Gilded Age to justify the accumulation of great wealth?
10. What belief did Andrew Carnegie promote when he donated funds to libraries & schools?
11. What legislation was passed to prevent big business from forming monopolies?
12. What term refers to the alleged ruthlessness and exploitation used by American business leaders during the late-nineteenth century?