

Honors United States History Part 2

Gilded Age -- Unit Exam Study Guide

Essential Questions: Why was the Gilded Age called the Gilded Age, what is its significance to us today? What major issues during the Gilded Age laid the foundation for social reform that still impacts us today, but also catapulted the US into a modern world and economy?

Be Able To:

- Explain why there was a large migration to the United States by different immigrants from all over the world.
- Describe the challenges immigrants faced when traveling to the United States, including the impact of Nativism and the poor conditions in tenement housing, and low wages/working conditions
- Identify major entrepreneurs and inventors of the Gilded Age who helped lead the country to a new era of industrial might – namely Andrew Carnegie, John Rockefeller, J.P. Morgan, Thomas Edison
- Explain how these entrepreneurs create monopolies, and how did industries help feed each other
- Explain how Sears and Roebuck helped develop the American West and rural US through mail order catalogues
- Explain the major social issues during the Gilded Age, including nativism, racism, corruption, immigration, living conditions, and working conditions/labor.
- Determine the significance of the Gilded Age and how it was a major period of economic growth in the United States
- Identify the importance of technological advances and inventions such as the light bulb and Bessemer Steel Manufacturing process
- Define how a Political machine works and the methods that political machine leaders, such as Boss Tweed, used to create an established system of corruption
- Identify how Thomas Nast used political cartoons to expose Boss Tweed for corruption
- Explain how Northeastern PA played a large role in the Gilded Age with Anthracite coal production
- Identify patch towns and how anthracite mine companies kept control of their workers and some of the challenges that miners and their families faced

Study Resources:

Textbook

Class Notes (PREZI notes available on edline)

Nativism PowerPoint

Political Machine PowerPoint

Readings – passed out in class

YouTube Videos – found on website

Gilded Age Overview Essay

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