

PART 1

Gilded Age and Industrialization Review AP Curriculum Period 6 (1865-1898)

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AP United States History II

Summer Assignment

Directions: Use the review readings to complete the following questions.

(Readings are PDF Files on summer assignment website or my website)

Due first day of school (September 7)

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Section 1: Taming the Western Frontier

1. Why did historian Bernard De Voto feel that the "West" started at the 98th meridian?
2. Why did early settlers originally skip over the Great Plains and settle the west coast?
3. How did these 3 inventions "tame" the Great Plains?
 - Barbed Wire:
 - Colt Revolver:
 - Windmill:
4. How did Native American tribes gain access to horses?
5. How did horses make living in the Great Plains more viable for large numbers of Native tribes?
6. What did Natives in the Great Plains use the buffalo for?
7. What role did the Railroads have in destroying the buffalo population on the plains?

8. What were the THREE main government policies towards Native Americans in the 1800's?
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9. What was promised to Native tribes at Fort Laramie (1851) in exchange for limiting their hunting grounds?
10. Why did the United States government break these promises over the next decade?
11. Why did the Sioux Tribe get into a war with the United States government in 1866-67?
12. What did the United States military build on native lands in the west to "protect" white settlers?
13. Why did settlers invade Indian lands in the Dakotas and Montana in 1874?
14. What happened to Lt. Col. George Custer in 1876?
15. How do you think the Battle of Little Bighorn impacted white Americans views of the tribes?

16. Who were the Buffalo Soldiers?
17. Who was Chief Joseph?
18. Why was Wounded Knee considered the end of the Plains Indian Wars?
19. What was the purpose of the Dawes Act?
20. Why was the Dawes Act a Failure?
21. When were Native Americans finally granted full citizenship?

~~Sections 2 & 3: Industrial Revolution & Rise of Big Business~~

The first few pages of Section 2 are a review of the Market Revolution...study them.

1. Why did Mark Twain coin the phrase "Gilded Age" to describe Post-Civil War industrial society?
2. What new technology powered the 1876 Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia?
3. Define the following terms:
 - Laissez Faire:
 - Capital:
 - Entrepreneur:
4. Draw lines to match the entrepreneur to his industry:

Vanderbilt	Automobiles
Carnegie	Oil
Rockefeller	Railroads
Ford	Steel
5. Define the following terms:
 - Corporation:
 - Monopoly:
 - Trust:
6. How did the concept of Social Darwinism justify so few men gaining so much wealth?

7. Why were the Railroads the most important industry of the Gilded Age?

8. How did Cornelius Vanderbilt make his initial fortune and why did he begin investing in Railroads?

9. How did Abraham Lincoln and the Federal Government assist in building the Transcontinental Railroad?

10. Where and when was the Transcontinental Railroad completed?

11. How did the Bessemer Process improve steel production?

12. Read Page 70 and answer: Why is Andrew Carnegie considered by many to be the definitive "self made man"?

13. Why did Carnegie use his wealth to build so many libraries?

14. What is the basic argument that Carnegie puts forth in his book "The Gospel of Wealth"?

15. List some examples of Carnegie's philanthropy:
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16. What core beliefs did John D. Rockefeller's Mother preach to him?
17. What was kerosene oil mainly used for in the mid 1800's?
18. How did Rockefeller use railroad shipping rebates to crush his competition and build the Standard Oil Company?
19. How did Rockefeller use vertical integration to lower the price of his oil from \$0.58 a gallon to \$0.08 a gallon.
20. Why was Rockefeller's use of Horizontal Integration to build his wealth more controversial?
21. How did Ida Tarbell criticize Rockefeller's tactics in her book "History of Standard Oil"?

22. How did the Government act to limit the power of corporations with the following laws:

-Interstate Commerce Act:

-Sherman Anti-trust Act:

23. List some examples of Rockefeller's philanthropy:

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24. How did Henry Ford's gasoline engine impress Thomas Edison?

25. Why was the Model T so popular?

26. How was Ford able to manufacture them at such a low cost?

27. How did Ford treat his workers compared to the other industrialists?

The Labor Union Movement

Section 4

1. As the workforce evolved from agriculture to manufacturing in the late 1800's, where did the millions of new factory workers come from?

2. How did the move towards corporations and factory jobs negatively affect workers?
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3. How did the Knights of Labor differ from the earlier National Labor Union?

4. What were the goals of the Knights of Labor?
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5. How did the Haymarket Riot hurt the union movement?

6. Why did Samuel Gompers choose to focus the AFL on more "practical" goals?

7. Why was the International Workers of the World (IWW) the "polar opposite" of the AFL?

8. Why has union membership in the United States been declining since the 1950's?

9. Summarize the following labor strikes:

Strike	Causes	Resolution
Great Railroad Strike		
Homestead Strike		
Pullman Strike		

10. Which side of the strikes (owner/labor) did the government favor in all the conflicts?

11. In *US v. Debs*, how did the Supreme Court use the Sherman Anti-Trust Act (which was created to control corporations) to limit the rights of unions?

12. How did Eugene V. Debs make Socialism a political force in the early 1900's?

13. What effect do you think this had on the Republican and Democratic Parties during that time?

Urbanization and Immigration

Sections 5 & 6

1. How did the United States rural/urban demographics shift between 1870 and 1900?
2. How did Industrialization make city life possible?
3. How did Industrialization widen the gap between rich and poor in the United States?
4. What was life like in urban tenements?
5. What role did Jacob Riis play in exposing the horrors of life in the slums?
6. What future President of the United States did Riis influence?
7. How did Urban political machines and the "Bosses" that ran them stay in power?
8. Why are Tammany Hall and Boss Tweed the most famous example of a Gilded Age Political Machine?
9. What role did Thomas Nast have in taking down Tammany Hall?

10. How did Jane Addams use Hull House to help the urban poor?

11. How did church and labor leaders like Walter Rauschenbusch address urban poverty?

Immigration and Citizenship

1. How many immigrants came to America between 1865 and 1914?

2. Where were these "New Immigrants" from?

3. Why did France give the Statue of Liberty to the United States?

4. Who wrote the famous poem that is placed at the base of the Statue?

5. Where did most of the immigrants who came through Ellis Island eventually settle?

6. What is the most common ancestry group in the United States today?

7. What restrictions were put on immigration by the following laws:

-Chinese Exclusion Act:

-1906 Naturalization Act:

-1921 Immigration Act:

-1924 Immigration Act:

~~Gilded Age Presidents and Politics~~

Section 7

1. What symbols did Thomas Nast create for the Democratic and Republican Parties that are still used today?
2. Why was the Civil Service System in need of reform during the Gilded Age?
3. Why did most Northern states push for higher international tariffs?
4. Why was the Election of 1876 going to be difficult for the Republicans to win?
5. How did the Compromise of 1877 solve the Election Crisis and why did the southern Democrats accept the Republican victory?
6. How did Rutherford B. Hayes reaction to the Railroad Strike set a precedent for Federal involvement in future strikes?
7. What role did the Spoils System play in Garfield's assassination?

8. What SIX major reforms did the Pendleton Civil Service Act bring to how the government hires employees?

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9. What was the purpose of the Interstate Commerce Act?

10. What was the Sherman Anti-Trust Act and why was it rarely enforced?

11. What was the effect of the McKinley Tariff on the American economy?

12. How did Coxey's Army attempt to pressure Grover Cleveland to use the power of the government to help people during the financial Panic of 1893?