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*Answer Each Question as Thoroughly as Possible*

1. Describe the Gilded Age.
2. Describe the political situation that made it difficult to pass new laws during the Gilded Age.
3. Why was the presidency seen as weak during the Gilded Age?
4. How was Grover Cleveland’s two terms unique among Presidents of the United States?

Short Answer

1. Describe the corruption of William “Boss” Tweed.
2. How did Thomas Nast bring down Boss Tweed?
3. Describe the “spoils system.”

Short answer

1. Why was the spoils system so important to politics during this time period?
2. What is the Civil Service?
3. Describe the assassination of President James Garfield.
4. How did the assassination of Garfield influence Civil Service Reform?
5. Describe the Civil Service Reforms of Chester Arthur. What bill did he sign into law to carry out these reforms?
6. How did the Civil War influence industrial production?
7. How did immigration influence industrial production?
8. Describe capitalism and entrepreneurs. What influence did entrepreneurs have on industrialization?
9. What are tariffs? What influence do they have on the economy?
10. What is a patent?

Short answer

1. Describe the influence of Thomas Edison on the development of electricity.
2. Describe the discoveries of Nikola Tesla.

Short Answer

1. Describe the influence of Alexander Graham Bell on communication.
2. How did Henry Bessemer influence industrial production?
3. What characterized the rise of big business?
4. What is a corporation?
5. How did the railroad and telegraph influence the development of corporations?
6. Describe the methods corporations used to maximize profits.

Short answer

1. Describe how J. P. Morgan and Cornelius Vanderbilt gained a competitive edge on their competitors.
2. What is a monopoly?
3. What is a cartel?
4. Describe how John D. Rockefeller used horizontal integration to build his company.
5. Describe how Andrew Carnegie used vertical integration to build is company.
6. Describe Social Darwinism. How did it influence US business practices?
7. Who was Madam C. J. Walker?
8. Describe the regulations Congress passed to regulate the railroads.
9. Describe how immigration influenced the population between 1870 and 1900.
10. Describe the “Old Immigrants” who arrived in America prior to 1870.
11. Describe the “New Immigrants” who arrived in America after 1870.
12. Describe the “push factors” of immigration.
13. Describe the “pull factors” of immigration.
14. Describe how Ellis Island and Angel Island were used in immigration.
15. Describe the Chinese Exclusion Act.
16. Describe Nativism. What factors led to Nativism? How did religion influence Nativism?

Short answer