

For our session in the computer lab, there are two main goals:

- To review your writing
- To research briefly the political and economic issues at the end of Reconstruction that were influential to the politics of the “Gilded Age”

Task # 1 Review Research Paper

Log-in to your Turnitin.com Account and view your marked paper. Read all comments thoroughly. Jot down in your own notes, on a separate sheet of paper, or in a separate Word document to e-mail to yourself...

- What were some frequent grammatical errors to avoid next time?
- Were there any major issues with my paper? (i.e. missing evidence and/or missing analysis)
- What did I learn from this assignment?

Task # 2 Political and Economic Issues of the 1870s

The paper that you wrote at the end of the second quarter does tie in nicely with the time period we are about to study. The expanded role of the federal government does carry over into the “Gilded Age” (traditionally, 1877-1896). With the remaining scheduled class time, take notes on the following events or concepts. You may recognize some of these from your research in the second quarter.

- **Corruption in Grant’s Presidency** (be familiar with the major scandals...is this an “era of good stealings”?)
 - “Broach Note”: You may remember that it was these scandals that distracted Grant from continuing his support of civil rights in the South. These scandals may be added to the list of reasons why Reconstruction ended abruptly in the mid-1870s.
- **Tammany Hall, Boss Tweed and Machine Politics** (know what kind of political corruption was taking place in the cities)
- **Panic of 1873** (know the major causes and results)
 - “Broach Note”: Remember the greenbacks and national banking system initiated during the Civil War? Here’s what happens...
- **1878 Bland-Allison Act and the Greenback Labor Party...** what were these and why are they significant?
- **Patronage Politics – How had the traditional “spoils system” spoiled the presidency?**
 - Why does this take place?
 - What were the ideologies of the Democrats and Republicans?
 - Why are the Gilded Age Presidents also known as the “forgettable” presidents?

...After this, be thinking of:

What happens in the South after Reconstruction? This is what we will discuss tomorrow!