

AP United States History: Study Guide for Exam 7 (The Gilded Age)

Readings: Kennedy, Chapters 23 – 25 AMSCO, Chapters 17 – 19 (with sections of 16)
Primary source documents assigned
Content knowledge from these readings are expected.

Items to review:

- Republican campaign tactics
- Major scandals during the Grant administration (i.e. Crédit Mobilier-details, etc.)
- Election of 1872
- Reactions to the Depression/Panic of 1873 and the Currency debate
- Compromise of 1877
- Results for the South after Reconstruction
 - Results for blacks in the South?
 - *Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896)
 - Booker T. Washington
 - “New South”: why would industries want to move south? What manufacturing industries primarily moved to the South?
- Railroad strike of 1877 (causes/results); How did the federal government usually respond to strikes in the Gilded Age?
- Voter turn out and close elections in the Gilded Age
- Patronage politics – know the divisions in the Republican party and leaders
 - Garfield’s assassination
 - Pendleton Act
- Issues/characteristics of 1884 & 1888 elections
- Tariff issue – Cleveland’s argument; Republican argument
- Surplus and the Billion-Dollar Congress; Pensions for War Veterans
- Platform of the Populist Party (1892)
- How did the federal government assist in the construction of the transcontinental railroads?
- Effects of the rails (time zones, etc.)
- Abuses by the railroads; farmers complains; *Munn v. Illinois* (1877); *Wabash, et. al. v. Illinois* (1886); Interstate Commerce Act of 1887
- Terminology: pools, trusts, rebates, vertical integration, horizontal integration, interlocking directorates (know persons responsible too)
- Why eliminate competition?
- Gospel of Wealth (& Carnegie’s library movement); Social Darwinism
- Sherman Anti-Trust Act of 1890 – effective? *United States v. EC Knight* (1895)
- Why did women join the industrial work force? Review the changing roles of women – in the workforce and the cities
- US Supreme Court and corporations; use of the 14th Amendment
- Labor Unions: National Labor Union, Knights of Labor, American Federation of Labor
 - Platform/issues; rise & fall for NLU and Knights; groups of workers?
 - Major strikes: Great Strike of 1877; Haymarket Bombing; Pullman Strike; Homestead Strike
- Why did people leave the farms and move to the cities?
- New consumerism
- New Immigrants (locations, characteristics, reactions)
 - Chinese immigration and restriction
 - Support for Immigrants? (Influence of Tammany Hall)
 - Nativists and immigration restriction; American Protective Association; who favored restriction? Assimilation?
- Settlement houses and urban reformers
- Morrill Act and expanding education
- Journalism: sensationalism and yellow journalism
- Popular culture: leisure, sports, art, entertainment, writing
- Comstock Law
- **Helpful Reminder:** Remember that there are several supplemental resources that you can use if you do not understand a particular topic or content area, including the textbook website and the PowerPoint presentations linked on our website from Ms. Pojer in New York.