

American History Honors

Study Guide: Westward Expansion and Industrial Era, 1877-1914 Chapters 13 & 14; Primary Source Readings

updated 1/12/10

- Transcontinental Railroad Construction
- Early settlement of the Great Plains
- Life on the Great Plains – difficulty in survival
- soddy
- Homestead Act (intent, effects)
- Morrill Land Grant Act
- Why did treaties between whites and Native Americans usually fall apart? (examples)
- Battle of Little Big Horn (1876) and George Armstrong Custer
- Helen Hunt Jackson's *A Century of Dishonor* (1881)
- Carlisle Indian School
- assimilation
- Dawes Severalty Act (1887)
- Battle of Wounded Knee (1890)
- Influence of the Mexican *vaqueros*
- Development of western cattle trails and long drives (causes?)
- Why did the cattle boom end? (invention?)
- Exodusters
- Bonanza farms
- Farmers Alliance; Patrons of Husbandry (or the Grange) – Oliver Hudson Kelley
- Why did farmers support silver currency in addition to gold?
- Bimetallism
- Know the list of reforms suggested by the Populist movement
- William Jennings Bryan
- Frederick Jackson Turner
- Crédit Mobilier scandal; other railroad abuses (i.e. Vanderbilt, Gould)
- Standardized time zones as a result of the railroads
- Andrew Carnegie: Steel industry, vertical integration/consolidation
- John D. Rockefeller: Oil industry, horizontal integration/consolidation
- Define trusts
- J.P. Morgan: interlocking directorates
- Interstate Commerce Act (1887) – goal?
- Sherman Anti-Trust Act (1890) – law/effect
- Why could manufactures build away from rivers?
- Social Darwinism and laissez-faire economic theory
- Distribution of wealth in America (gap between rich and poor)
- Gospel of Wealth (Carnegie) and philanthropy
- Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire 1911
- Scabs, Yellow Dog Contracts, collective bargaining
- Role of immigrants in the labor debates (why it was hard to strike)
- Industrial Workers of the World

Test Format:

39 Multiple Choice; 10 Matching; 1 True/False; some students; 1 classroom; 28 desks; 12 light fixtures; 2 doors; 6 large window panes; 1 episode of “Into the West”