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American History / American History Honors

Gilded Age Politics (15.3)

Instructions: While watching the Presidents DVD, fill out the following information from the video. Please use your textbook to fill-in any information not addressed by the video

Political Machines (From textbook, pages 473-475):

What was a political machine?

What was the role of the political boss?

What role did immigrants play in the politics of many big cities?

What means did many political machines use to maintain power?

For what reasons was the Tweed Ring so notorious?

President Rutherford B. Hayes (# 19)

Major issues during the Hayes administration (attempt at civil service reform?):

How did he respond to the Great Railroad strike?

Why was his wife called “Lemonade Lucy”?

President James Garfield (# 20)

List the three factions within the Republican Party over the issue of civil service (spoils system)
– may need to use your textbook

_____ Supported spoils system, led by Roscoe Conkling (NY)

_____ Supported some reform, led by James G. Blaine (ME)

_____ Wanted reform (faction that split with the party in 1884)

Why did Charles Guiteau assassinate President Garfield?

President Chester Arthur (# 21)

Why is it surprising that President Arthur would support civil service reform?

How did Arthur alienate his party (and supporters)?

Describe the Pendleton Act of 1883:

President Grover Cleveland (# 22)

Describe the attacks made between Cleveland and Blaine in the 1884 election:

Why was Cleveland criticized by the “Grand Army of the Republic” (GAR) and who were they?

What did Cleveland wish to do to the tariff?

President Benjamin Harrison (# 23) [and the “Billion Dollar Congress”]

How did the Republicans in the “Billion Dollar Congress” (and President Harrison) spend the surplus? Why was this controversial?

What did the McKinley Tariff Act (1890) do?

President Grover Cleveland (# 24)

What happened as soon as Grover Cleveland took office again?

What did the Wilson-Gorman Tariff Act (1894) do?

What was the response of President Cleveland and Washington officials to Coxe’s Army March?

Two candidates in Election of 1896: William Jennings Bryan (Dem/Pop) and William McKinley (Republican)

President William McKinley (# 25) – will discuss in next unit