

UNIT 2 QUICK SHEET – THE GILDED AGE AND PROGRESSIVISM

KEY TERMS

1. Turner's Frontier Thesis
2. Homestead Act
3. Ghost Dance
4. Indian Wars
5. Dawes Act
6. Political machine
7. William "Boss" Tweed and Tammany Hall
8. Jacob Riis and *How the Other Half Lives*
9. Nativism/ "Know-Nothings"
10. Chinese Exclusion Act
11. New Immigrants
12. Ellis Island
13. Angel Island
14. Americanization
15. Gilded Age
16. Social Darwinism
17. *laissez faire* economics
18. Transcontinental railroad
19. Robber baron
20. Vertical integration
21. Horizontal integration
22. Andrew Carnegie
23. John D. Rockefeller
24. Monopolies and trusts
25. Knights of Labor
26. American Federation of Labor (AFL) and Samuel Gompers
27. closed shops
28. Haymarket Riot
29. Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC)
30. Populists
31. William Jennings Bryan and the "Cross of Gold" speech
32. Progressive movement
33. Muckrakers
34. Social Gospel
35. Jane Addams and Hull House
36. Gospel of Wealth
37. National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA)
38. Nineteenth Amendment
39. Children's Bureau
40. Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire
41. Women's Christian Temperance Union
42. Booker T. Washington
43. W.E.B. Du Bois and the NAACP
44. Pendleton Civil Service Act
45. Sherman Anti-Trust Act
46. Seventeenth Amendment
47. Square Deal
48. Upton Sinclair and *The Jungle*
49. Meat Inspection Act and Pure Food and Drug Act
50. Progressive Party/Bull Moose Party
51. Sixteenth Amendment
52. Federal Reserve System
53. Federal Trade Commission
54. Clayton Anti-Trust Act

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

1. According to Frederick Jackson Turner, why was the frontier so important to America?
2. What was the Homestead Act? What was the purpose of its creation?
3. What was the basic objective of the Dawes Act? How did it try to accomplish this goal?
4. How did the foreign immigrants of the 1890s and later differ from most of the earlier immigrant groups? What attracted them to the U.S.?
5. Why was hostility toward the Chinese so high in California? What laws resulted from this hostility?
6. Why did political machines develop in the major cities? What groups supported them most?
7. What were some of the arguments of nativists who opposed immigration?
8. Why was the period of the late 1870s–1910s called the "Gilded Age?" Give examples.
9. How did emerging captains of industry and robber barons use the theory of Social Darwinism to justify their actions?
10. What advantages could large companies (like Standard Oil) offer consumers? In what ways do these big business monopolies hurt the consumer?
11. What specific problems were unions looking to fix? How successful were they in achieving these goals?
12. What methods were used by business to stop labor reforms?
13. What was the purpose of the Interstate Commerce Commission and why was it ineffective?
14. What were the main goals of the Populist Party? Why were they in favor of the silver standard?
15. What were the requirements of the Pendleton Act of 1883? What were the effects of this law on the quality of government employees hired at the turn of the last century?
16. Describe the initiative, referendum, direct primary, and recall. What did they do for voters?
17. How do the Amendments passed during the Progressive Era reflect the era itself?
18. What impact did the fire at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory have on labor?
19. How did the muckrakers draw attention to the Progressive movement? What issues particularly concerned the muckrakers?
20. What was the philosophy of the Social Gospel movement? What contributions did this movement make to Progressivism?
21. Describe the ideals of Carnegie's Gospel of Wealth. How did he demonstrate these ideals in his own life?
22. How did African Americans contribute to the Progressive movement? How successful were they in making change?
23. What were the main points of Roosevelt's Square Deal? How did he put this plan into action?
24. How did Roosevelt and Taft differ as Presidents, even though Taft was TR's chosen successor?
25. How did Teddy Roosevelt unintentionally hand the Election of 1912 to Woodrow Wilson?

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