

US II - AP

Gilded Age Essay Questions

1. Compare and contrast the National Labor Union, Knights of Labor, and American Federation of Labor in regard to their origins, goals, and leadership. Account for the failure of the first two and for the success of the AFL.
2. Business leaders of the late nineteenth century have been characterized both as greedy and unscrupulous “robber barons” and as great “captains of industry” whose entrepreneurial skill and tactics produced economic growth. Which view is more persuasive? Why?
3. What were the three most significant consequences of the industrialization of the American economy after the Civil War? Explain your choices.
4. Did the United States need laws restricting immigration in the nineteenth century? List the kinds of restrictions actually imposed and state whether you agree with each restriction. Why or why not?
5. In what way did the mining, ranching, and farming frontiers respond to the industrial revolution in the same way as entrepreneurs and laborers?
6. Evaluate the federal government’s policies below toward Native American nations when settling the West. Were these an appropriate way to deal with the “Indian problem?”

“relocation”
the Concentration Policy

the Dawes Severalty Act
warfare