

Unit 1 Study Guide

1. Be able to explain three different reasons why Mark Twain coined the term “Gilded Age” from 1870-1900.
2. Be able to explain the significance of muckrakers during the Progressive Era.
3. Be able to explain three specific examples of problems the United States faced during the Progressive Era and how each problem was addressed and/or resolved by muckrakers.
4. Be able to explain what characteristics make someone a “captain of industry” or a “robber baron”. Find one example of such a character (Coi or RB) during the Gilded Age, other than Andrew Carnegie.
5. Be able to explain why labor unions formed during the 19th century and how they were both successful and unsuccessful in American society. Find one example of a success and one example of a failure during this time period. (Must be different examples!)
6. Be able to explain what sort of political corruption was happening during the Gilded Age and what reforms took place to attempt to end graft.