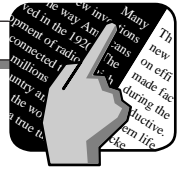


SECTION 1

GUIDED READING AND REVIEW



Politics in the Gilded Age

A. AS YOU READ

As you read Section 1, write one or two sentences to support each of the following main ideas.

1. In the late 1800s most Americans, in theory, supported a laissez-faire approach to economic matters. _____

2. Corporations tried to influence politicians to pass laws favoring business. _____

3. At the close of the 1800s, sharp differences existed between Republicans and Democrats on major issues. _____

4. During the Gilded Age, political leaders tried to reform the spoils system. _____

5. Government officials tried but failed to regulate the railroads. _____

6. The cycle of depression and prosperity hurt the Democrats but helped the Republicans in the 1890s. _____

B. REVIEWING KEY TERMS

Explain how each of the following terms relates to the post-Reconstruction era in the United States.

7. Gilded Age _____
8. laissez-faire _____
9. subsidy _____
10. blue laws _____
11. civil service _____
12. Pendleton Civil Service Act _____
13. *Munn v. Illinois* _____