

The Gilded Age Study Guide

Vocabulary

Gilded Age

unions

trusts

Social Gospel

Andrew Carnegie

Tammany Hall

John D. Rockefeller

Interstate Commerce Act

Cornelius Vanderbilt

Sherman Anti-trust Act

philanthropy

Thomas Alva Edison

Questions

1. How did the Gilded Age get its name?
2. How did people get rich during the Gilded Age?
3. What were conditions like for workers?
4. How does a union work? How did business and government officials respond to the early American unions?
5. Describe the system of political machines, like New York's Tammany Hall.
6. What steps did the government take to protect the people from the new businesses & trusts?
7. How did Thomas Edison change the lives of average Americans?