**Questions for Chapter 17: Industrial Supremacy**

1. Why were the railroads able to expand rapidly throughout the US?

2. Why could we describe the railroads as a “Magic Wand”?

3. What nine changes did the expansion of the railroad result in?

4. Describe the six changes in corporations in the Gilded Age?

5. What affect did the light bulb have on American industry?

6. **(doc 2.1)** “Progress and Poverty” by Henry George

a) What was the relationship between progress and poverty?

b) Besides the existence of poverty, what was George trying to solve?

c) According to George, what causes poverty?

d) What two types of property are there?

e) What did George compare the right to use land to?

f) What did George say about western civilization on page 69?

g) What else is harming America?

h) What is George saying about America in the last two sentences of the excerpt?

7. **(doc 2.3)** “Gospel of Wealth” by Andrew Carnegie

a) What does Carnegie think about wealth?

b) What does he think about private property?

c) What philosophy is dangerous to the “sacredness of (a) property civilization”?

d) What is the foundation of American Civilization?

e) What is “wealth” and “fortune” according to Carnegie?

f) What are the three ways to deal with this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

g) What does he think about these three solutions?

h) What is his ultimate solution?

8. **(doc 2.2)** What form of communication did Edward Bellamy use to express his political/economic philosophy?

8. Define the following philosophies:

Socialism

Communism

Philanthropy

Dynamic Sociology

Social Darwinism

Law of Supply and Demand

Self Made Man

Survival of the Fittest

Nationalism

9. Explain why the novels of Horatio Alger were popular during the Gilded Age? What philosophies did these novels promote?

10. Who were the three main “robber barons” of the Gilded Age?

11. Identify the philosophy of the following people:

Lester Frank Ward

Daniel De Leon

Henry George

Edward Bellamy

Andrew Carnegie

Herbert Spencer

12. Is there a contradiction in the following statement: Capitalists praise the free market economic system while consolidating their businesses to protect themselves from competition?

13. Where did the workers in American industry come from?

14. Why did people move into newly growing industrial cities?

15. What were the working conditions industrial workers had to endure?

16. What did these industrial workers lose when they moved into the cities?

17. Who made up 17% of the industrial workforce by 1900 and why? What was controversial about this development?

18 Who was another controversial member of the industrial workforce?

19. Describe the meaning of the poem “Shadow Child.”

20. How did workers react to their working conditions?

21. Who were the Molly Maguire’s and what did they do?

22. Where did these workers get the ideas of unionism and revolution?

23**. (doc 2.6)** Samuel Gompers

a) Who is Samuel Gompers?

b) Why are labor organizations important?

c) What are machines creating in American society?

d) What must labor organizations do to obtain more rights and better working conditions?

e) What kind of progress did Gompers say industrialized society has made?

f) What did Gompers ask Judges to do?

g) What did Gompers say the judge did incorrectly?

24. What was the major difference between the Knights of Labor and the AFL?

24. Identify the following strikes (when, where and why), and how each ended:

Great Strike

Haymarket Strike

Homestead Strike

Pullman Strike

25. Who were the Pinkertons?