Period 6: 1865-1898

AP United States History · Vocabulary in context

Word	Example
Gilded Age /ˈgɪldɪd eɪdʒ/	The **Gilded Age** was a time of great wealth and great poverty.
mechanization /ˌmekənaɪˈzeɪʃn/	**Mechanization** let farms grow more with fewer workers.
consolidation in agricultural markets /kənˌsɒlɪˈdeɪʃn ɪn ˌægrɪˈkʌltʃərəl ˈmɑːkɪts/	**Consolidation in agricultural markets** put farming in fewer hands.
reservations /ˌrezəˈveɪʃnz/	Native Americans were moved onto **reservations**.
assimilation /əˌsɪmɪˈleɪʃn/	After digestion, **assimilation** turns food into the animal's own body tissue.
Dawes Act /dɔːz ækt/	The **Dawes Act** split tribal land into small farms.
bison	Hunters killed most of the **bison**.
Little Bighorn	Native Americans defeated Custer at the **Little Bighorn**.
Wounded Knee	US soldiers killed many Lakota at **Wounded Knee**.
crop-lien system	The **crop-lien system** trapped farmers in debt.
Grange	The **Grange** helped farmers work together.
Interstate Commerce Act	The **Interstate Commerce Act** controlled railroad prices.

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corporate structures /ˈkɔːpərət ˈstrʌktʃəz/	New **corporate structures** let businesses grow huge.
consolidation /kənˌsɒlɪˈdeɪʃn/	**Consolidation** joined many small firms into a few big ones.
vertical integration /ˈvɜːtɪkl ˌɪntɪˈgreɪʃn/	When a car maker buys a parts maker, this is **vertical integration**.
horizontal integration /ˌhɒrɪˈzɒntl ˌɪntɪˈgreɪʃn/	When two car makers join, this is **horizontal integration**.
trust	A **trust** joined many companies under one control.
robber baron	A **robber baron** got rich by unfair methods.
Sherman Antitrust Act	The **Sherman Antitrust Act** banned monopolies.
laissez-faire /ˈleɪsez feə/	**Laissez-faire** means the government stays out of business.
rising inequality /ˈraɪzɪŋ ɪniːˈkwɒlɪti/	**Rising inequality** split the rich from the poor.
variety of perspectives /vəˈraɪəti ɒv pəˈspektɪvz/	Historians show a **variety of perspectives** on the period.
Knights of Labor /naɪts ɒv ˈleɪbə/	The **Knights of Labor** welcomed all workers.
American Federation of Labor /əˈmerɪkən ˌfedəˈreɪʃn ɒv ˈleɪbə/	The **American Federation of Labor** organised skilled workers.
Strikes /straɪks/	**Strikes** stopped work in many factories.

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Haymarket	A bomb exploded at **Haymarket** Square in Chicago.
Homestead Strike	The **Homestead Strike** was at a steel plant.
Pullman Strike	The **Pullman Strike** stopped railroads across the country.
Samuel Gompers	**Samuel Gompers** led the American Federation of Labor.
cities /ˈsɪtiz/	Many people moved to **cities** for factory jobs.
southern and eastern Europe /ˈsʌðən ænd ˈiːstn ˈjʊərəp/	New immigrants came from **southern and eastern Europe**.
Chinese Exclusion Act /ʧaɪˈniːz eksˈkluːʒn ækt/	The **Chinese Exclusion Act** banned Chinese immigrants.
Ellis Island	Immigrants arrived at **Ellis Island** in New York.
political machines /pəˈlɪtɪkl məˈʃiːnz/	**Political machines** traded jobs for votes.
Tammany Hall	**Tammany Hall** ran New York City politics.
spoils system	Under the **spoils system**, winners gave jobs to supporters.
Pendleton Act	The **Pendleton Act** made government jobs depend on exams.
managers /ˈmænɪʤəz/	Big companies hired **managers** to run them.
clerical workers /ˈklerɪkl ˈwɜːkəz/	**Clerical workers** did office jobs like typing.

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middle class /ˈmɪdl klæs/	The **middle class** included doctors, lawyers and factory owners.
buttressed and challenged /ˈbʌtrəst ænd ˈtʃælɪndʒd/	New ideas **buttressed and challenged** the power of the rich: some supported it, some attacked it.
Social Darwinism /ˈsəʊʃl ˈdɑːwɪnɪzəm/	**Social Darwinism** wrongly used evolution to justify empire.
Gospel of Wealth /ˈgɒspl ɒv welθ/	Carnegie's **Gospel of Wealth** said the rich should help others.
moral obligation /ˈmɒrəl ˌɒblɪˈgeɪʃn/	He felt a **moral obligation** to give money away.
voluntary organizations /ˈvɒləntəri ˌɔːgənaɪˈzeɪʃnz/	**Voluntary organizations** worked for social reform.
Hull House	Jane Addams founded **Hull House** in Chicago.
settlement house	A **settlement house** helped poor immigrants.
patronage /ˈpætrənɪdʒ/	Politicians used **patronage** to give jobs to friends.
People's (Populist) Party /ˈpiːplz ˈpɑːti/	The **People's (Populist) Party** spoke for farmers.
Omaha Platform	The **Omaha Platform** listed the Populists' demands.
free silver	**Free silver** would put more money into use.
William Jennings Bryan	**William Jennings Bryan** ran for president three times.

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citizenship /ˈsɪtɪzənʃɪp/	Black Americans were denied full **citizenship**.
Jim Crow	**Jim Crow** laws kept Black and white people apart in the South.
Ida B. Wells	**Ida B. Wells** wrote about lynching.
Booker T. Washington	**Booker T. Washington** stressed education and hard work.

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