

Ch. 3.5: Guiding Questions; pg. 163-171

Directions: While reading the text, answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper. You do not need to write in complete sentences.

1. Why do you think they called their organization “the Grange”?
2. Based on this definition, why was “stalwart” a good label for those who supported patronage?
3. Why did a government job seeker assassinate the President?
4. Why did critics of the spoils system think civil service was a better alternative?
5. Why was civil service reform necessary?
6. What does *Wabash v. Illinois* state? What does the US government create in response to this case?
7. What was the initial benefit of the Interstate Commerce Act?
8. Do you think the Interstate Commerce Commission was effective?
9. From among which group of Americans did the Populist movement arise?
10. What problems did farmers face?
11. What causes inflation? What causes deflation?
12. Why did members of the Farmer’s Alliance feel they could only achieve their goals through politics?
13. The main components to the People’s Party platform in 1892 included unlimited silver coinage, federal ownership of railroads, and a graduated income tax. What was the goal of these measures?
14. Why do you think, by endorsing Bryan for the 1896 election, they lost their identity as a political party?
15. Why did the Republicans win the election of 1896?

16. What impact, if any, did the populists have on American politics?
17. Explain sharecropping
18. Why did African Americans head west?
19. Why did the Democratic party turn to racism in the South?
20. How were Southern states able to disenfranchise African-Americans when they had this right in the 15th amendment?
21. Name and explain the three ways Southern states were able to disenfranchise African Americans.
22. Explain Jim Crow Laws.
23. What principle was held to be constitutional in the Supreme Court's 1896 *Plessy v. Ferguson* decision?
24. How did the ruling of Plessy affect African Americans? How did the ruling permit segregation to be legal in the US?
25. What was the African American response to this legalized separation?
26. Discuss the contributions of Ida B. Wells; Mary Church Terrell; Booker T. Washington; WEB DuBois.
27. Why did DuBois disapprove of Washington's Atlanta Compromise?