

Chapter 16: America's Gilded Age 1870 to 1890: Worksheet

1. What happened in 1886 to illustrate the paradoxical nature of the idea of "freedom" in the US?
2. What were the specifics and details of the American Industrial Revolution between 1865 and 1900? Why did it happen? How did the government specifically promote it? How did it effect the "social geography" of American life?
3. How specifically did the railroads facilitate "the second industrial revolution?" (560)
4. What did Thomas Edison, Andrew Carnegie and John D. Rockefeller do?
5. Despite all the growth, why do you think the years from 1873 to 1897 were called "the Great Depression?" (Answer: a maldistribution of wealth or too much poverty: see p.567)
6. How "free" were most industrial workers?
7. What did Thorstein Veblen and Jaconb Riis have to say?
8. What did Frederick J. Turner contribute to the literature of American history?
9. What was the transformation of the West? How did the ordinary family farmers on the Great Plains do in the time period? Why did western agriculture beco