

## **POSSIBLE ESSAY TOPICS FOR UNIT 9 EXAM**

- 1.** Evaluate the ways in which industrialism impacted American society in the period 1865 to 1900.
- 2.** How successful was organized labor in improving the position of workers in the period from 1875 to 1900? Analyze the factors that contributed to the level of success achieved.
- 3.** Identify and analyze the factors that changed the American city in the last half of the nineteenth century.
- 4.** Analyze the impact of immigration on American society in the years between 1865 and 1900.
- 5.** Analyze the ways in which technology, government policy, and economic conditions changed American agriculture in the period 1865-1900. In your answer be sure to evaluate farmers' responses to these changes.
- 6.** Analyze the impact of the transcontinental railroad on the development of the West between 1869 and 1900.

## OUTLINE OF SELECTED TOPICS FOR UNIT 9 EXAM

<p>1. Industrialism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact of transcontinental railroad             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact of railroad industry</li> </ul> </li> <li>• steel industry</li> <li>• oil industry</li> <li>• electricity</li> <li>• trusts and holding companies             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (vertical vs horizontal integration)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• legislation aimed at curbing trusts</li> <li>• relevant Supreme Court decisions.</li> <li>• Social Darwinism</li> <li>• “Gospel of Wealth”</li> <li>• The “New South”</li> <li>• Horatio Alger, Henry George, Ralph Bellamy</li> </ul>	<p>4. Urbanization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Growth of cities</li> <li>• Corruption</li> <li>• Continued “Old Immigration”</li> <li>• “New Immigration” and responses to immigration             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Political machines</li> <li>• Social Gospel and crusaders</li> <li>• Nativism (also discuss Chinese)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Living and working conditions for workingclass</li> <li>• Reformers: prohibition, women’s suffrage</li> <li>• Challenges for Protestant churches</li> </ul>
<p>2. Unionization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Labor Union, 1866</li> <li>• Great Railroad Strike, 1877</li> <li>• Knights of Labor</li> <li>• American Federation of Labor</li> <li>• Homestead &amp; Pullman strikes</li> <li>• Anti-labor Court decisions, injunctions, and legislation.</li> </ul>	<p>5. Great West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact of Transcontinental RR</li> <li>• Indian Wars and Indian policies</li> <li>• Three frontiers: mining, ranching, farming (farm as a factory)</li> <li>• Plight of the farmer (leading to Populist movement)</li> </ul>
	<p>6. 1890s politics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Money issue and tariffs</li> <li>• Populism</li> <li>• Panic of 1893</li> <li>• Election of 1896</li> <li>• Jim Crow</li> <li>Washington vs. Du Bois</li> </ul>