

Gilded Age: Examining Labor and Big Business

This world of about 1877 to 1890s is different than before. It is so bad that a large part of the American people push for major changes after 1900.

We will first deal with helping you succeed with the primaries on the Pullman Strike. We will be doing some of these key concepts below as we do this.

1. How does big business get to be big business?
 - Railroad, incorporation, trusts, horizontal and vertical integration, industrial capitalism and finance capitalism
2. What are the new technologies for business and for urban life and what are a few examples of what they do to and for people?
3. What happens to laboring people—and who are they and what are the differences in what they have to sell?
4. What are laborers' attempts to organize, what's the difference in the Knights of Labor and the American Federation of labor, and what is the response to labor by varied levels of government and business?

What do these words mean: Pinkertons, state militia, federal troops?

What are these key labor events: Haymarket, Homestead, Pullman?

What's anarchism? Socialism?