

US History II Honors Summer Assignment

The American Civil War forced drastic changes in American society, causing many groups to reevaluate their places in the new social order. Some groups benefitted immensely from the opportunities available, while others struggled to create places for themselves.

The essential question you should keep in mind: do the benefits achieved at the turn of the 20th century outweigh the costs incurred?

Over the course of the summer, you will read and review a section of the Boorstin textbook, *A History of the United States*. As you read, you should use the model provided below to organize your thoughts. You may type or write your notes as you feel comfortable.

Gains and Losses in the Post Reconstruction Period (1877-1900)

	<i>Gains</i>	<i>Losses</i>
Captains of Industry		
Immigrants		
Organized Labor		
Women		
Native Americans		
African Americans		
Homesteaders/ Western Farmers		
White Southerners		

Your reading notes should include specific examples of positive and negative developments that each group faced during this period of history.

While your research notes will not be graded, they will be collected and reviewed as part of your first in class assignment. You will be using them in class for a graded assignment evaluating how well you have absorbed the material. The better organized and more specific your notes are, the better your chances of finding success on that assignment.

You will need to have a hard copy of your notes for the second day of class.