The Gilded Age (1870s) Name: _____ Period: ____

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As you read each section, answer the questions in the space provided.

1. How did the American Civil War change the economy?

2. The reading lists the names of 3 Captains of Industry. Type each name and next to each explain what industry they dominated.

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3. What invention did George Westinghouse create that changed the railroad industry?

4. Who was given the privilege of hammering in the "golden spike" which completed the first Transcontinental Railroad?

5. Why was the Interstate Commerce Commission created in 1877?

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6. In the late 19th century, many considered the wealthy entrepreneurs of the time to be "Captains of Industry" who contributed positively to society in some way. However, many argued that they were "Robber Barons". Define the term "Robber Baron."

7. List some of the innovative uses that Rockefeller came up with for different "oil products."

8. What was the name of Rockefeller's large corporation?

9. What did Rockefeller do with nearly half of his fortune by the time he died?

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10. What was the Bessemer Process?

11. In 1901, Andrew Carnegie sold his business (Carnegie Steel) for $500 million. Who bought his company?

12. Upon his retirement, Carnegie started to donate a large portion of his wealth. List a couple of the projects that he funded.

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13. How was J.P. Morgan's childhood different from Rockefeller's and Carnegie's childhood?

14. How did Morgan make his great wealth?

15. Why was Morgan heavily criticized?

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16. Explain each of the following theories:

A. Social Darwinism

B. The Gospel of Wealth

C. Horatio Alger's American Dream

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17. What did the Pendleton Civil Service Act do?

18. Most members of Congress were loyal to which group in society?

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