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| Word:  Bessemer process | Definition:  A cheap and efficient process for converting iron ore into steel |
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| Word:  Transcontinental railroad | Definition:  Railroad line linking the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of the United States, completed in 1869 |
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| Word:  Interstate Commerce Act | Definition:  1887 law that established the federal government’s right to supervise railroad activities and created a five-member Interstate Commerce Commission to do so |
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| Word:  Land grant | Definition:  Free land and money given to railroad companies by the federal government in order to facilitate the construction of railroads across the United States |
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| Word:  Time zone | Definition:  Geographical region in which the same standard time is kept; there are four in the continental United States and were created to help avoid railroad accidents |
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| Word:  Market | Definition:  Place where people can sell goods and services; can include new towns, colonies, or locations that were previously inaccessible |
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| Word:  Consolidation | Definition:  The process of combining, or merging, two things, such as companies |
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| Word:  Laissez-faire | Definition:  Economic policy that the government should interfere as little as possible in the nation’s economy |
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| Word:  Social Darwinism | Definition:  Philosophy that applies Darwin’s theory of natural selection the human race—used by big businessmen to argue that unrestrained competition will ensure the survival of the fittest |
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| Word:  Monopoly | Definition:  Total control of a type of industry by one person or one company |
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| Word:  Trust | Definition:  A combination of firms or corporations formed by a legal agreement, especially to reduce competition; similar to a monopoly |
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| Word:  Vertical integration | Definition:  A company’s taking over its suppliers and distributors and transportation systems to gain total control over the quality and cost of its product |
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| Word:  Horizontal integration | Definition:  The merging of companies that make similar products |
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| Word:  Sherman Anti-Trust Act | Definition:  1890 law that was intended to prevent the creation of monopolies by making it illegal to establish trusts that interfered with free trade |
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| Word:  Capital | Definition:  Money used to start or invest in a company |
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| Word:  Labor union | Definition:  Organization of workers formed for the purpose of advancing its members’ interests |
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| Word:  Nativism | Definition:  Dislike for immigrants |
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| Word:  Chinese Exclusion Act | Definition:  1882 law that prohibited Chinese immigrants from entering the United States |
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| Word:  Urbanization | Definition:  Growth of cities |
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| Word:  Americanization | Definition:  Program designed to help immigrants assimilate to American culture |
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| Word:  Tenement | Definition:  Crowded, dirty, and unsanitary multi-family dwelling, usually for immigrants in big cities |
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| Word:  Settlement house | Definition:  Community center providing assistance to residents (particularly immigrants) in a slum neighborhood |
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| Word:  Social Gospel | Definition:  The idea that religious faith should be expressed through good works and charity |
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| Word:  Political machine | Definition:  Organized group that controls a political party in a city and offers services to voters and businesses in exchange for political and financial support |
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| Word:  Graft | Definition:  The illegal use of political influence for personal gain |
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| Word:  Patronage | Definition:  Officeholder’s power to appoint people (usually those who have helped him/her get elected) to positions in government |
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| Word:  Political corruption | Definition:  Using one’s government power for unfair personal gain |
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| Word:  Civil service | Definition:  Government administration |
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| Word:  Pendleton Act | Definition:  1883 law that granted government jobs to people based on merit (or ability) through taking a civil service exam, rather than through patronage |
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