Topics on Unit 2 Test

\*\*\*Please keep in mind that anything discussed in class, even if it was spoken aloud but not written down, is fair game for the test!\*\*\*

Reconstruction

* Presidential vs. Radical Republican Plan
* 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments
* Freedman’s Bureau
* Jim Crow laws
* Poll taxes, literacy tests, grandfather clauses
* Effects and significance of Reconstruction

Settling the West

Mining in the West

* Comstock Lode
* Colorado
* Klondike Gold Rush

Ranching

* Open range
* Reasons for the long drive
* Barbed wire
* Decline of the long drive

Farming the Plains

* Homestead Act
* Dry farming
* Life on the Great Plains

Native American Wars

* Culture of the Plains Indians
* American treatment of Natives
* Helen Hunt Jackson’s *A Century of Dishonor*
* Assimilation
* Dawes Act-took reservation land from Natives and required assimilation

Industrialization

Rise of Industry

* Factors that lead to industry (transcontinental railroad, kerosene, access to natural resources, immigration=more workers and new markets)
* Laissez faire economics
* Entrepreneurs
* Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Edison, and inventions of the late 1800s

Railroads

* Transcontinental railroad
* Cornelius Vanderbilt
* Creation of time zones
* Land grant system
* Robber barons
  + John D. Rockefeller
  + Andrew Carnegie
  + Cornelius Vanderbilt
  + Corrupt leaders or philanthropists?
  + Social Darwinism

Big Business

* Monopolies and trusts
* Vertical integration and horizontal integration
* Concern that big business is growing too strong and can manipulate workers and consumers
* Rockefeller, Carnegie, and Vanderbilt
* Robber barons vs. philanthropic captains of industry

Unions

* Factory conditions for workers
* Industrial unions
  + Methods (e.g. strikes) and reasons for formation

Immigration and Urbanization

Immigration

* “New immigration” vs. “old immigration”
  + Location of origin
  + Reasons for immigration
  + Time period
* Ellis Island and Angel Island
* Jacob Riis’ *How the Other Half Lives*
* Upton Sinclair’s *The Jungle*
* Chinese immigration
* Nativism
* Immigration laws in 1882
  + Chinese Exclusion Act

Urbanization

* Reasons for urbanization in the late 1800s
* Skyscrapers
* Transportation in cities
* Separation by class (wealthy, middle, and working)
* Conditions of the working class
  + Tenements
* Crime, disease, pollution, fire, etc.

Political Corruption

* Political machines
* Tammany Hall
* Boss Tweed, George Plunkitt, and “honest graft”
* Patronage
* Pendleton Act
* Issues surrounding Garfield’s assassination

Other Topics

* Carnegie and the Gospel of Wealth
* Social Gospel
  + Jane Addams’s Hull House in Chicago
* Education
  + Americanization-assimilating those to American culture by teaching them English, American history, etc. in public schools
  + Education for the workplace
  + Expand higher education
  + Carnegie libraries