**Gilded Age Politics and Economics:**

**Guided Notes**

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

* The era of U.S. history from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is often referred to as The Gilded Age, taking the name from the Mark Twain novel of the same name.
* This was done to emphasize the fact that the era looked \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but was filled with less pleasing things, such as graft, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, poverty, and crime.

Causes of the Gilded Age:

* Lots of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Lots of c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (slaves, immigrants)
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Creation of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Growing markets
* Business-friendly
* government
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Urbanization:

* After the Civil War, Americans began moving to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at a large rate, with cities increasing in population tremendously
* In order to accommodate these changes, investors and city planners began engaging in different strategies and the image of the city began to shift
  + Moving people upward with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Moving people outward by increasing city \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_& reshaping physical landscapes

Results of Urbanization:

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Separation by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + As cities grew, the upper, middle, and working classes lived in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the city from one another.
* Urban Problems
  + Few cities had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and regular trash pickup
  + Soot and ash from wood fires, horse manure from horse-drawn transportation, and smoke from chimneys added to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ contaminated water systems
  + Poorly designed/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ city design features
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ like cholera and typhoid
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Social Classes:

* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_lived in fashionable districts in the heart of the city, spending their leisure time engaged in expensive & fashionable activities, with usually at least one live-in servant
* The\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tended to live far away from the city center in “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mainly lived in tenement buildings, with some working class groups (such as white, native born males) doing better than others. Often, all family members, including women & children, were expected to work, with women working as servants & children not being educated.

Political Machines:

* While cities grew at a rapid rate, their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_often did not, which resulted in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (an informal organization linked to a political party that often controlled local government)
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that headed such groups, controlled the essential services of a particular city (jobs, housing, food, heat, and police protection) and gave them to city residents in exchange for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Political support.
* The party bosses also typically controlled the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of a city, which allowed the bosses themselves to benefit through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Tweed and Tammany Hall:

* One such boss was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of NYC, who controlled the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Democratic political machine.
* Before his 1874 conviction landed him in prison, Tweed engaged in a tremendous amount of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, earning the disapproval of cartoonist \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who began a campaign to take Tweed, and other political bosses, out of power.

Civil Service Reforms:

* The assassination of President \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was a sign to many that the U.S. civil service system needed to be reformed.
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, where victorious politicians appointed their supporters to government jobs, caused many Americans to lose faith in the government.

Pendleton Act of 1833:

* Congress passed the Pendleton Act of 1883, requiring that some jobs be filled by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, rather than by patronage.
* This marked the beginning of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—a system where most government workers are given jobs based on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rather than on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Interstate Commerce Act:

* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ led to the passage of the Interstate Commerce Act
* Was the first federal law regulating \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Credit Mobilier Scandal:

* Was a construction company set up by several \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ stockholders
* Credit Mobilier would charge Union Pacific \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to build and Union Pacific would pay causing Credit Mobilier stock to go up
* To get Congress to keep issuing land grants, Oakes Ames \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Credit Mobilier to other Congressmen to keep giving Union Pacific more land grants
* Scandal was uncovered during \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Implicated many politicians, but had a negligible impact on U.S. politics