

1) John D. Rockefeller would MOST likely agree with which of the following statements?

- A. Railroad companies should not be forced to grant rebates to certain customers,
- B. Monopolies encourage new companies to compete in the free market,
- C. Customers should not be pressured to buy products from a single company,
- D. Competition in the marketplace creates waste and inefficiency.

2) Which of the following BEST describes a problem Plains farmers faced because of the climate?

- A. Summer flooding often destroyed crops.
- B. Harsh winter winds and deep snow trapped pioneers in their homes,
- C. Farmers had to break up tough sod using hand tools,
- D. Farmers rarely produced adequate harvests because of the short growing season.

3) group of corporations run by a single board of directors

- A. trust
- B. network
- C. monopoly
- D. patent

4) share of a company's profits

- A. stock
- B. dividend
- C. corporation

5) How did George Westinghouse's invention affect railroad travel in the United States?

- A. Increased standardization allowed rail companies to create large rail networks.
- B. Enhanced comfort increased passenger travel over long distances,
- C. Improved safety meant that longer, faster trains could ship more freight,
- D. Inefficient operations prompted many small rail lines to consolidate.

6) Why did many Exodusters move to Kansas in 1879?

- A. to take advantage of cheap labor on new railroad lines south to Texas
- B. to homestead new land because African Americans' rights were challenged at the end of Reconstruction
- C. to establish townships, transportation systems, and courts in rural areas of the new state
- D. to escape fierce competition for mining rights in Colorado, Wyoming, and California

7) Which of the following presented the greatest challenge to Plains farmers in the 1800s?

- A. infertile soil
- B. lack of sufficient land area
- C. inadequate housing
- D. lack of farming technology

8) single company controls a business or industry

- A. trust
- B. network
- C. monopoly
- D. patent

9) license for a new invention

- A. trust
- B. network
- C. monopoly
- D. patent

10) What strategy did John D. Rockefeller use to strengthen Standard Oil?

- A. built his own steel mill
- B. controlled most domestic oil production
- C. refused to form corporations
- D. forced railroads to give him rebates

11) How did corporations contribute to the growth of the economy in the late 1800s?

- A. Corporations' stockholders provided capital to build factories and buy equipment.
- B. Corporations' stockholders elected boards of directors to run the businesses,
- C. Corporations' stockholders lent millions of dollars to struggling banks,
- D. Corporations' stockholders prevented companies from filing for bankruptcy.

12) business owned by investors

- A. stock
- B. dividend
- C. corporation

13) Which statement BEST explains how railroads affected the economy of the United States in the years following the Civil War?

A. a. Railroad companies' unfair practices caused a general depression in the late 1860s.

B. b. Railroad companies created thousands of jobs and pioneered new business practices,

C. c. Railroad companies created monopolies that stalled the building of new tracks,

D. d. Railroad companies received rebates that allowed small rail companies to survive.

Short Response

1. Explain how railroad companies reduced competition.

2. Unions achieved a mixed record in their efforts to protect workers rights.

[a] What were THREE things unions fought for?

[b] What methods did they use to try to achieve their goals?

3. [a] What was the Sherman Anti-trust Act?

[b] Who would have opposed it?

[c] Why?

4. [a] Explain why the Populists came to be.

[b] List TWO things they wanted.

5. Give TWO examples of how inventions change American life in the late 1800s.

6. Edison was called the "Wizard of Menlo Park". Describe

[a] he got this nickname and

[b] his approach to inventing.

7. Explain how events like the Haymarket Riot affected the growth of organized labor in the United States. That is, what difference did it make for the popularity of unions when stuff like this happened?