Chapter 19 – Big Business and the Gilded Age Study Guide

Essay prompts – I would prepare three

1. Choosing both Carnegie or Rockefeller define the terms captains of industry and robber barons and explain how either man could fit in both of the two categories.
2. Using the Triangle Shirtwaist Company as an example, explain the working conditions and work expectations faced by the common American urban worker and how that led to the rise of labor unions.
3. Describe the average strike & how those strikes were resolved in this time period. Using two specific examples of strikes, explain what events led unions to lose public support and effectiveness at the end of the 1890’s and the early 1900’s.
4. How did inventors and their inventions affect individuals, society and the economy during the Gilded Age? Use three specific examples. For each example, be sure to explain the impact.

Terms and Concepts - Use word association to study for the Voices from History section

sweatshop

philanthropy

trade union

Andrew Carnegie

Standard gauge

Assembly line

Rebate

Corporation

Pool

Cornelius Vanderbilt

Dividend

Horizontal integration

Vertical integration

Monopoly

Social Darwinism

Knights of Labor

Alexander Graham Bell

Laissez-faire

Eugene V. Debs

Collective bargaining