**Issues of the Gilded Age**

What were the laws called that denied voting rights from African Americans across the south?

Give some examples.

What was the result?

What was the effect of the Supreme Court rulings at this time?

What was Booker T. Washington’s idea of how African Americans should bring social change?

Why did he found the Tuskegee Institute?

What was the goal of W.E.B. DuBois for African Americans?

What was a cause of prejudice against the Chinese?

What was the purpose of the Chinese Exclusion Act?

What was the main cause of prejudice toward Mexican-Americans?

What group was formed to fight back against Anglo Americans?

What were some issues facing women in the late 1800s?

What was the goal of the National Women’s Suffrage Association?

What areas did women have success in?

**Politics of the Gilded Age**

What were political parties like in the late 1800s?

Why could they not pass major reforms?

Where did most government help and support come from?

What really controlled the government?

How did political parties get votes from the poor?

What did political supporters get from the government?

What was the most powerful branch of government during this time?

What caused the spoils system, giving out government jobs to supporters, to change?

What was the Pendleton Civil Service Act?

What was its goal?

What was the U.S. monetary system based on?

Why did farmers want silver to be the basis of currency?

What was the purpose of the tariff?

Why did Republicans want it?

Why did Democrats oppose the tariff?

**Farmers and Populism**

**Essential Questions for this lesson**

* **Who was to blame for the problems of American farmers after the Civil War? Or: Was the farmers’ revolt of the 1890s justified?**
* **Did populism provide an effective solution to the nation’s problems?**

What were three problems faced by farmers at the end of the 1800s?

What did many farmers do to pay their debts?

Who created problems for the farmers?

What was the Grange movement?

What were their goals?

What were the Grange Laws?

What happened nationally because of the Grange activities?

Who replaced the Grange as the voice of farmers?

What were the goals of the Farmers Alliances?

What kept them from gaining political power?

What did the Populist Party hope to change?

Why did the feel a bond with the urban workers?

What were some of their basic goals?

Why did the lure of Populism grow in the middle of the 1800s?

What event led to the rise in popularity of William Jennings Bryan?

Why did William Jennings Bryan become the nominee of the Democrats?

Ultimately why did Bryan lose the election?

What were two legacies of populism?

What did it influence in the early 20th century?