**Period 6**

**The Gilded Age**

**Chapter 23**

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| **Key Concept 6.3: The “Gilded Age” witnessed new cultural and intellectual movements in tandem with political debates over economic and social policies.** 1. Gilded Age politics were intimately tied to big business and focused nationally on economic issues — tariffs, currency, corporate expansion, and laissez-faire economic policy — that engendered numerous calls for reform. **(ID-2) (ID-6) (POL-6)**
2. Corruption in government — especially as it related to big business — energized the public to demand increased popular control and reform of local, state, and national governments, ranging from minor changes to major overhauls of the capitalist system.
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1. What characterized politics in the last part of the 1800s?
2. What were the economic issues?
3. Why did farmers want to more money in circulation?
4. What were at least three examples of government corruption at this time?
5. What caused the Panic of 1873?
6. What characterized politics and political affiliation at this time?
7. What was the basic role of the federal government in people’s everyday lives?
8. What was the most powerful branch of government?
9. At what level was government most active? Why?
10. What was the Compromise of 1877?
11. What happened in the south after Reconstruction (be specific with acts, laws and court cases, etc.)?
12. Provide evidence of “class warfare” in the late 1800s.
13. What happened to the Chinese in the West?
14. What did the Supreme Court have to say about this?
15. After the assassination of James Garfield, what happened to the spoils system?
16. What effect did this have on politics?
17. Why did many Americans turn against the Republicans in the early 1890s?
18. What were the causes of the 1893 Financial Panic?
19. Who “saved” America during this financial panic? How?
20. What was the reaction of many Americans to politics at this time?
21. What political group emerged from this political discontent?
22. What kept the populists from taking advantage of this discontent in the 1892 elections?