

Test - The Free Silver Movement

Part I – Fill-in-the-Blank: Use the word bank to complete each sentence.

Word Bank				
Farmers	money	gold	Bryan	silver
Populists	Inflation	debt	speech	currency

1. The Free Silver Movement supported using both gold and _____ as money.
2. Many _____ supported Free Silver because they struggled financially.
3. Supporters believed Free Silver would increase the amount of _____ in circulation.
4. Free Silver supporters hoped inflation would make it easier to repay _____.
5. William Jennings _____ was a famous supporter of Free Silver.
6. The "Cross of Gold" _____ argued against the gold standard.
7. The gold standard limited the amount of _____ in circulation.
8. Many _____ supported the Free Silver Movement during the late 1800s.
9. Free Silver supporters believed more money would help the economy grow through _____.
10. Gold and silver were both forms of _____.

Part II – True or False: Write **T** or **F** for each statement.

1. ____ The Free Silver Movement wanted silver coins to be used as money.
2. ____ Many bankers strongly supported Free Silver.
3. ____ William Jennings Bryan supported the Free Silver Movement.
4. ____ Free Silver supporters believed more money in circulation would help farmers.
5. ____ The gold standard allowed unlimited silver coinage.
6. ____ Inflation can reduce the burden of debt.
7. ____ The Populist Party supported Free Silver.
8. ____ The "Cross of Gold" speech supported the gold standard.
9. ____ Farmers hoped Free Silver would raise crop prices.
10. ____ The Free Silver Movement became important during the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Part III – Multiple Choice: Choose the best answer for each question.

1. What was the main goal of the Free Silver Movement?
 - a. To eliminate all paper money
 - b. To increase the money supply using silver
 - c. To end farming in the West
 - d. To lower wages
 2. Which group most strongly supported Free Silver?
 - a. Bankers
 - b. Railroad owners
 - c. Farmers
 - d. Factory executives
 3. Which economic system did Free Silver supporters oppose?
 - a. Mercantilism
 - b. Gold standard
 - c. Communism
 - d. Socialism
 4. Why did many farmers support Free Silver?
 - a. They wanted higher debt payments
 - b. They hoped inflation would help repay debts
 - c. They wanted less money in circulation
 - d. They opposed silver mining
 5. Who gave the famous "Cross of Gold" speech?
 - a. Theodore Roosevelt
 - b. Andrew Carnegie
 - c. William Jennings Bryan
 - d. Abraham Lincoln
 6. What effect would adding silver to the money supply likely have?
 - a. Deflation
 - b. Inflation
 - c. Fewer jobs
 - d. Lower crop prices only
 7. Which political group strongly supported Free Silver?
 - a. Federalists
 - b. Populists
 - c. Whigs
 - d. Loyalists
 8. What did the gold standard do?
 - a. Allowed unlimited silver coinage
 - b. Backed money only with gold
 - c. Increased factory wages
 - d. Reduced taxes on railroads
 9. Free Silver supporters believed inflation would help:
 - a. Debtors
 - b. Bankers only
 - c. Railroad owners only
 - d. Foreign governments
 10. The Free Silver debate became especially important during the election of:
 - a. 1776
 - b. 1860
 - c. 1896
 - d. 1929
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