

Quiz: Railroads, Robbers, & Rebels (1873)

Multiple Choice

1. What major economic event began in 1873 in the United States?
 - A. The Great Depression
 - B. The Panic of 1873
 - C. The Gold Rush
 - D. The Civil War
2. Which industry expanded rapidly in the United States during the 1870s?
 - A. Textile mills
 - B. Railroads
 - C. Automobile manufacturing
 - D. Oil drilling only
3. "Robber barons" is a term used to describe:
 - A. Small farmers fighting railroads
 - B. Wealthy industrialists accused of unfair business practices
 - C. Union leaders organizing strikes
 - D. Railroad workers building tracks
4. What was one major cause of the Panic of 1873?
 - A. Overbuilding of railroads and risky investments
 - B. Shortage of gold in California
 - C. War with Britain
 - D. Decline in farming exports
5. Railroads helped the U.S. economy grow mainly by:
 - A. Limiting trade between states
 - B. Slowing industrial production
 - C. Connecting markets across long distances
 - D. Reducing immigration

6. Which group often protested working conditions and low wages during this era?

- A. Industrialists
- B. Bankers
- C. Laborers and railroad workers
- D. Politicians only

7. Many railroad companies received government support in the form of:

- A. Free land grants
- B. Free cars
- C. Guaranteed profits only
- D. Tariff elimination

8. The term "rebels" in this period most closely refers to:

- A. Farmers and workers resisting powerful corporations
- B. Foreign armies invading the U.S.
- C. Government officials
- D. Railroad owners themselves

True or False: Write T or F

9. ____ - The Panic of 1873 led to a long economic depression in the United States.

10. ____ - Railroads had little impact on westward expansion.

11. ____ - Robber barons were always seen positively by the public.

12. ____ - Labor unrest increased as industrial workers demanded better conditions.

13. ____ - The railroad industry was one of the most important sectors in the 1870s economy.

14. ____ - Government land grants helped railroad companies expand.

15. ____ - Most workers in the 1870s had safe working conditions and high pay.

16. ____ - Railroads helped create a national market in the United States.