Quiz - The Gilded Age and Progressive Era

Multiple Choice

Directions: Choose the best answer for each question.

1. What was one major characteristic of the Gilded Age in the late 1800s?

   A. A decline in immigration
   B. Rapid industrialization and economic growth
   C. The end of factory production
   D. The disappearance of large corporations

2. What were political machines?

   A. Groups that controlled local politics through organization and patronage
   B. Factories that produced political campaign materials
   C. Labor unions that controlled national elections
   D. Federal agencies that regulated railroads

3. Who was Andrew Carnegie?

   A. A leader of the Progressive Party
   B. A famous labor union organizer
   C. A president during the Civil War
   D. A steel industry leader and philanthropist

4. What was the main purpose of labor unions during the Gilded Age?

   A. To improve workers' wages, hours, and working conditions
   B. To help corporations avoid regulation
   C. To eliminate all factories
   D. To increase child labor

5. What was the main goal of Progressive Era reformers?

   A. To restore the political machines
   B. To eliminate public education
   C. To address social, political, and economic problems
   D. To reduce government responsibility

6. What was muckraking?

   A. Investigative journalism exposing corruption and social problems
   B. A method of organizing factory workers
   C. A political party platform
   D. A government program for farmers

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7. Which reform was associated with the Progressive Era?

A. Ending women's participation in elections
B. Eliminating food safety laws
C. Expanding political machines
D. Direct election of U.S. senators

8. What did the Nineteenth Amendment accomplish?

A. It gave women the constitutional right to vote
B. It ended child labor nationwide
C. It created the income tax
D. It directly elected senators

9. Who was Theodore Roosevelt during the Progressive Era?

A. A president who supported Progressive reforms
B. A leading industrialist who opposed all regulation
C. A labor leader who became president of a union
D. A Supreme Court justice during the Civil War

10. Why did many Progressives support government regulation of large corporations?

A. To eliminate all private businesses
B. To limit abuses of economic power and protect the public
C. To prevent technological development
D. To give corporations complete political control

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