

Populist Movement Assessment

Part 1 – Multiple Choice: Choose the best answer for each question.

1. What was the main goal of the Populist Movement?
 - a. To support large corporations
 - b. To improve conditions for farmers and workers
 - c. To increase immigration
 - d. To expand overseas colonies
2. The Populist Party was also known as the:
 - a. Progressive Party
 - b. Whig Party
 - c. People's Party
 - d. Federalist Party
3. Which group strongly supported the Populist Movement?
 - a. Factory owners
 - b. Farmers
 - c. Bankers
 - d. Railroad executives
4. What economic problem hurt many farmers during the late 1800s?
 - a. High crop prices
 - b. Low taxes
 - c. Falling crop prices and debt
 - d. Too many government jobs
5. Which reform did Populists support?
 - a. Gold-only money system
 - b. Free silver
 - c. Higher railroad rates
 - d. Fewer elections
6. What did Populists want the government to regulate?
 - a. Schools
 - b. Newspapers
 - c. Railroads
 - d. Churches
7. Who was a famous Populist leader and presidential candidate?
 - a. Theodore Roosevelt
 - b. William Jennings Bryan
 - c. Abraham Lincoln
 - d. Andrew Carnegie
8. Which speech made William Jennings Bryan famous?
 - a. Gettysburg Address
 - b. Four Freedoms Speech
 - c. Cross of Gold Speech
 - d. Farewell Address

9. The Populist Movement began mainly in which area of the United States?
 - a. Northeast
 - b. West and South
 - c. New England
 - d. Pacific Coast cities
 10. Which of the following was a Populist reform idea?
 - a. Direct election of senators
 - b. Ending public schools
 - c. Limiting voting rights
 - d. Increasing tariffs on farmers
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Part 2 – Fill-in-the-Blank

Word Bank

farmers	speech	silver	Bryan	railroads
workers	People's Party	debt	senators	reform

1. The Populist Movement mainly represented the interests of _____ and laborers.
 2. Another name for the Populist Party was the _____.
 3. Many farmers struggled with heavy _____ during the late 1800s.
 4. Populists supported the unlimited coinage of _____.
 5. The Populists wanted the government to regulate _____.
 6. William Jennings _____ became a famous Populist leader.
 7. The "Cross of Gold" _____ helped Bryan gain national attention.
 8. Populists supported the direct election of _____.
 9. The Populist Movement called for economic and political _____.
 10. Factory _____ also supported some Populist ideas.
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