

# 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
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**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.