

AP US History
Unit 7 - Industrialization and Expansion
Zinn Ch 11-2, "Robber Barons and Rebels"

Level One: Basic Information. True or False

- _____ 1. Most multimillionaires followed the well-known "rags to riches" path to financial security.
- _____ 2. Urbanization was caused in part by the migration of farmers unable to pay high railroad rates or buy improved farming machinery.
- _____ 3. John D. Rockefeller started with oil but diversified his business dealings into iron, copper, coal, shipping, and banking.
- _____ 4. Industrialist Jay Gould's comment that "the vast business interests of the country will be entirely safe in [President Cleveland's] hands" proved to be accurate.

Level Two: Which of the following are reasonable interpretations of the author's meaning? Mark them Yes or No and be prepared to defend your answer.

- _____ 5. The success of the railroad industry was mainly achieved through theft, graft, bribery, and corruption.
- _____ 6. John Pierpoint Morgan was mostly honest in his financial and business dealings.
- _____ 7. JP Morgan ensured the success of US Steel via unscrupulous political, business, and employer actions.
- _____ 8. Although measures were taken by all three branches of government to regulate business during this era, no real regulation actually occurred.

Level Three: Apply what you have read and connect it with what you already know. Choose ONE of the following statements and write a response to it, either agreeing or disagreeing. Defend your answer with at least two pieces of information from this reading and two others from another source. This should be a couple of paragraphs in length.

"The purpose of the state was to settle upper-class disputes peacefully, control lower-class rebellion, and adopt policies that would further the long-range stability of the system." (p. 252)