Zinn Chapter 11

1. What was happening to the way things were being produced and the technology in the later 1800’s? How would that change the US?
2. Why does Zinn say that Horatio Alger stories are mostly a myth?
3. How did the train companies keep Congress off their backs and not get prosecuted?
4. How did the upper class avoid military service in the Civil War? How does this show an inherent inequality in the US?
5. Are men like Morgan, Rockefeller and Carnegie Robber Barons? Captains of Industry? Both? WHY?
6. What role did the government play in regulating these companies at this time? How did that reflect Karl Marx’ fears?
7. How did President Cleveland differ from his predecessors?
8. How did Cleveland view the government as indicated by his relief to Texas?
9. What view did the Supreme Court seem to be favoring in the argument over monopolies? What case indicates their view?
10. How are the Supreme Court decisions that seemed not to be in favor the common man connect to the founding father’s protection of private property?
11. How did the colleges the philanthropists start encourage the status quo?
12. What was one of the goals of public school that had nothing to do with education?
13. What was the point of *Progress and Poverty?*
14. What was Bellamy’s point in *Looking Backward?*
15. What was the fate of many of the new immigrants?
16. How was it especially hard of women immigrants?
17. How did unions try to change the situation of so many workers? What struggles did they have?
18. How did the Haymarket Square incident hurt the unions?
19. What situation did African Americans find themselves in at this time? How did the government treat them?
20. How did poor white farmers mirror the problems African Americans faced?
21. What part did Frick play in the tragedies at Homestead?
22. What was Debs calling for? How do Deb’s ideas challenge American Democracy?
23. What happened at the Pullman plant that led to so much tragedy?
24. Why was the Homestead Act not a success?
25. How did the Farmers struggle to keep successful?
26. What were the Farmer Alliances?
27. How did the Populists plan on giving more power to the people?
28. What did colored alliances begin?
29. How could the populists have been more effective?
30. What happened to the Populists?