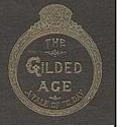


# Traveling through time

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A period of U.S. History spanning approximately the 1870s to the turn of the twentieth century. It was an era of enormous growth, especially in the North and West. However, the Gilded Age was also an era of enormous poverty. Railroads were the major industry, but the factory system, mining, and labor unions also increased in importance.



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Jim Crow laws		Vertical Integration		Horizontal Integration		Urbanization		Nativism	
American Federation of Labor		Plessy v Ferguson (1896)		Homestead Act		Wounded Knee		Knights of Labor	
Monopoly/Trust		Thomas Edison		Boss Tweed/Tammany Hall		Ellis Island		Trans-continental Railroad	

# THE LAST NAIL SWAY

**Closure:** Use the terms from the front to fill in the thought bubbles, conversation bubbles, or concept boxes with statements. You should portray what you have learned from the traveling exercise as well as ideas from discussions we will have during this unit.

Concept: The Gilded Age is all about ...

Convo: What is this rich railroad owner thinking?

Thought: what is this immigrant worker thinking?

Concept: This rail is part of the transcontinental railroad. The railroad changed America by

By 1914, the United States had become the largest industrial nation in the world. However, the prosperity of America did not reach everyone. Amid the fabulous wealth of the new economic elite was tremendous poverty. How did some manage to be so successful while others struggled to put food on the table? Americans wrestled with this great question as new attitudes toward wealth began to emerge. What role did the government play in this trend? Basically, it was pro-business. Congress, the Presidents, and the Courts looked favorably on this new growth. But leadership was generally lacking on the political level. **CORRUPTION** spread like a plague through the city, state, and national governments. Greedy legislators and "forgettable" Presidents dominated the political scene.

Thought: What is this woman thinking about?

Thought: I think American expansion is