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**Take Home Essay Test**

Directions: The following test is meant to test how well you can ANALYZE the information we have learned. You will be graded on how thorough, detailed, and complete your essay is. You are allowed to use your notes! You should include the following for full credit:

1. Introduction paragraph
2. THESIS statement that RESTATES the question
3. At least 3 supporting paragraphs
4. A conclusion paragraph
5. LOTS OF DETAILS from your notes to support your essay

The essay prompt is below:

*Historians often refer to the time period from 1870 to 1900 as the Gilded Age. Something that is gilded is covered with gold on the outside but made of cheaper material inside. A gilded age appears prosperous and successful but is full of corruption. Examine the good and bad points of this era and make an argument as to whether this title is fitting or not. Use specific details from the content discussed in the reading and in class to defend your case.*

Your essay should be typed or nicely hand written. It should be long enough to cover the topic, but short enough to keep my attention! Your completed essay will **be due Monday, January 26.** If you do not turn it in on time, you WILL lose points. This counts as a test and will severely hurt your grade if you do not do it. I would recommend making an outline before you begin writing your essay. I will be looking to see how well you include ALL the topics we have discussed.

Topics we have learned about in this unit include –

1. Workers in the industrial age
2. Big Businessmen in the industrial age
3. Immigration and people’s reaction to it