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Guided Notes: Government and Politics, 1865–1898

Summary: While the Supreme Court tended to favor corporations in their rulings during the Gilded Age, ordinary citizens, such as farmers and industrial workers fought back. Labor unions staged strikes for better wages and working conditions, and small farmers banded together in what would become the People's Party (Populists).

| Themes: | |
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| NAT—American and National Identity | PCE—Politics and Power |
| WXT—Work, Exchange, and Technology | WOR—America in the World |
| GEO—Geography and the Environment | ARC—American and Regional Culture |
| MIG—Migration and Settlement | SOC—Social Structures |

Instructions: Use the Guided Notes template below to keep track of the important terms, events, and people you read about. You should create a definition to help you remember and then a brief description of the significance of the term. Look to the themes to help you figure out why they are important.

| Key Terms | Theme(s)) | Definition/Explanation | Importance/Significance |
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| Examples of corruption in politics | | | |
| Crédit Mobilier | | | |

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| Republican supporters | | | |
| Democrat supporters | | | |
| Gold standard | | | |
| Civil Service Act (1883) | | | |
| Interstate Commerce Commission (1887) | | | |
| Sherman Antitrust Act (1890) | | | |
| Patrons of Husbandry (The Grange) | | | |
| Homestead Strike (1892) | | | |
| Henry Clay Frick | | | |
| Farmers' Alliance | | | |

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| People's Party (Populists) | | | |
| Populist platform | | | |
| Populism and women | | | |
| Coxey's Army | | | |
| Pullman strike (1894) | | | |
| Eugene V. Debs | | | |
| American Federation of Labor | | | |
| Samuel Gompers | | | |
| William Jennings Bryan | | | |

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| "Free silver" | | | |
| McKinley Tariff | | | |
| Examples of Supreme Court support for business | | | |
| "Political machine" | | | |
| Boss Tweed | | | |
| Tammany Hall | | | |
| New imperialism | | | |