Midterm Study Guide

1. What was the purpose of the Dawes Act?
2. What types of laborers did the American Federation of Labor (AFL) allow in?
3. What groups of people does the term “new immigrant” refer to? Why?
4. Why were men like Carnegie, Rockefeller, and JP Morgan known as robber barons?
5. What is Social Darwinism and how does it relate to the US economy?
6. Why was the period between 1870-1898 known as the Gilded Age?
7. How does the Monroe Doctrine relate to President Theodore Roosevelt’s own foreign policy in relation to Latin America?
8. Why did the United States formulate the Open Door Policy toward China?
9. What steps did the United States take following the Spanish-American War to move towards imperialism? Why did the United States begin its age of Imperialism?
10. What was the main idea of the Roosevelt Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine?
11. What methods did Muckrakers use to influence American society?
12. Why did the United States join World War I?
13. What did the Schenk v United States court ruling limit?
14. Why did the Senate reject the Treaty of Versailles?
15. What was the main goal of President Wilson’s 14 Points?
16. What was the significance of Yellow Journalism during the Spanish-American War?
17. Why did Senator Henry Cabot Lodge view the League of Nations as unacceptable?
18. What was the significance of the Transcontinental Railroad to American history?
19. Who was the Populist Party nominee for President in the election of 1896?
20. What views on African-Americans did Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. Du Bois share?
21. What is Nativism? What is the main viewpoint of Nativists?
22. Where did “new immigrants” mainly come from?
23. Which progressive reformer founded the Hull House?
24. What were the four MAIN causes of World War I?
25. What is the difference between robber barons and captains of industry?

Know and be able to explain the significance of each of the following people:

Boss Tweed W.E.B. Du Bois Helen Hunt Jackson

Teddy Roosevelt Jacob Riis Booker T. Washington

William Howard Taft Ida Tarbell Woodrow Wilson

John D. Rockefeller Ida B. Wells Upton Sinclair