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Gilded Age - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. What did trusts do?

- A. They increased competition between businesses in a market.
- B. They distributed more wealth to the poor.

- ☒ C. They squashed competition and allowed their owners to control a market.
- D. They caused their owners to lose a lot of money.

2. Which robber baron invented the trust?

- A. J.P. Morgan
- B. Andrew Carnegie

- ☒ C. John D. Rockefeller
- D. Cornelius Vanderbilt

3. Andrew Carnegie was a leading figure in the growth of the _____ industry.

- A. oil
- ☒ B. steel
- C. automobile
- D. railroad

4. Why was the Sherman Antitrust passed?

- ☒ A. to regulate big business
- B. to stop yellow journalism
- C. to get rid of machine politics
- D. to bail out the government

5. According to Social Darwinism, _____.

- A. the government should have control over all businesses
- B. wealth should be distributed equally among everyone
- ☒ C. the strongest, most hard-working people will rise to the top of society
- D. it is wrong to have a gap between the rich and poor

6. Why did Pulitzer's newspapers exaggerate details about Spanish rule?

- A. to help workers organize into unions
- B. to help Teddy Roosevelt get elected president
- C. to shame robber barons
- ☒ D. to sell more newspapers

7. How would Horatio Alger describe Andrew Carnegie's transformation?

- ☒ A. "rags to riches"
- B. "riches to rags"
- C. "laissez to faire"
- D. "faire to laissez"

8. Because of the lack of competition caused by monopolies, robber barons _____.

- A. made the prices of goods very low
- ☒ B. kept workers' wages very low
- C. made working conditions excellent
- D. never hired child laborers

9. How did J.P. Morgan help the US government?

- A. He thought of the idea for the Sherman Antitrust Act.
- B. He encouraged the US to go to war in Cuba.
- C. He increased oil production.
- ☒ D. He gave the government \$62 million in gold.

10. Political machines gave out jobs and other benefits in exchange for _____.

- A. newspapers
- B. steel
- C. equal pay for women
- ☒ D. votes