



APUSH Reading Quizzes 6.5-6.6 Hint Sheet

THE WEST, THE RISE OF AGRARIAN DISCONTENT & POLITICS IN THE GILDED AGE, PART 3 (1892-1900)

Bailey: Chapter 26

Need a fresh start on your Reading Quiz performance this semester?

If *anyone* understood the need for a second chance it was

1896 Democrat/Populist candidate for President of the United States,

and model for the Wizard of Oz's "Cowardly Lion", William Jennings Bryan.

After his defeat in the 1896 election against Republican William McKinley, Bryan went on to run for President again in 1900 & then once more again in 1908. He lost those elections too so maybe this isn't such a great example...

But **you**... you will do better on RQ's 6.5-6.6 than you did on the previous two doubled-up Reading Quizzes for this unit (6.1-6.2 & 6.3-6.4) and when you do, your grade on this RQ will be substituted for your lowest quiz grade this semester! Worth studying for? You bet it is!

The Moral of the Story:

Don't be a William Jennings Bryan! Win at least one of three !!!

Oh, and never underestimate the importance of your **APUSH** Reading Quizzes!

For Reading Quizzes 6.5-6.6 (tentatively Thursday March 8) you need to know...

- ...what the Plains Indians culture was, what it was based on, and how it was nearly exterminated by the close of the nineteenth century.
- ...what the Dawes Severalty Act was, what it said specifically, and what it was designed to promote.
- ...the problems caused by the expansion of the mining frontier in the West.
- ...the original purpose of the Homestead Act.
- ...how most American farmers made a living in the decades after the Civil War.
- ...what problems American farmers had in the 1880's and what the problems' root cause was.
- ...what farmers considered to be the cause of all of their problems and why.
- ...what both the "Patrons of Husbandry" and the "Grange" were, what they were originally designed to do, and their effect on American farmers in the late nineteenth century.
- ...what Populism was, who the Populists were, what they wanted and how successful they were in getting it.
- ...the parties, platforms, candidates, significance and issues of the Presidential election of 1892.
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- ...what the Wilson-Gorman Tariff (yes... *another tariff!*) was and why some liked it.
- ...about the McKinley Tariff (I promise... *only about three more tariffs in all of APUSH!*).
- ...Mark Hanna's philosophy regarding the prime function of government.
- ...the effect of the epidemic of strikes which swept the country in 1892.
- ...the reasons for: the consolidation of Republican power following the election of 1896; the Populist Party's demise following the election of 1896; the geographic voting differences in the election of 1896; the fate of the Democratic party in and following the election of 1896.
- ...how the Wizard of Oz relates to this time period.
- ...all of the strangeness around gold & silver in this time period—what exactly is going on here? What about the Sherman Silver Purchase Act? 16:1 ratio? Gold bugs? Free unlimited coinage of silver? *What?!?!?*