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AMERICAN

D R E A M

ACHIEVABLE?

EXPLORING AMERICA'S HISTORY THROUGH COMPELLING QUESTIONS

S T U D E N T W O R K B O O K 

NAME

PERIOD

F I R S T Q U E S T I O N

WAS IT BENEFICIAL OR HARMFUL FOR AMERICA TO BECOME A NATION OF CITIES?

IS THE
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MY CONCLUSION

CONTENT VOCABULARY

IDEAS

Push Factors
Pull Factors
Nativism
Melting Pot
Urbanization
City Beautiful Movement
Vaudeville

PEOPLE & GROUPS

New Immigrants
Josiah Strong
Elisha Otis
Thomas Edison
Nikola Tesla
Alexander Graham Bell
Frederick Law Olmsted
Harry Houdini

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Mass Transit
Omnibus
Electric Trolley
Elevated Train
Subway
Skyscraper
Tenement
Cholera
Yellow Fever
Tuberculosis
Sewer Systems

LAWS

Chinese Exclusion Act

LOCATIONS

Ellis Island
Ethnic Neighborhoods
Statue of Liberty
Suburbs
Central Park

ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

Backlash: a movement back from an impact

Cesspool: a covered cistern for waste water and sewage

Congested: overfull as with blood

Cursory: hasty and without attention to detail; not thorough

Enclave: an enclosed territory that is culturally distinct

Exponentially: in a manner of rapid growth

Grueling: characterized by effort to the point of exhaustion

Homeland: the country where you were born

Morph: cause to change shape in a computer animation

Overt: open and observable; not secret or hidden

Prestigious: having an illustrious reputation; respected

Reliant: depending on another for support

Sanitation: the state of being clean and conducive to health

Slum: a district of a city marked by poverty

Sprawl: sit or lie with one's limbs spread out

Supplant: take the place or move into the position of

Viable: capable of life or normal growth and development

Vicariously: indirectly, as, by, or through a substitute

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SECOND QUESTION

CAN WRITERS MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE?

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IDEAS

Human Interest Story
Yellow Journalism
Pulitzer Prize

BOOKS & MAGAZINES

The Shame of the Cities
How the Other Half Lives
The Jungle
Puck
McClure's
Collier's
The Saturday Evening Post

TECHNOLOGY

Linotype Machine

PEOPLE AND GROUPS

Journalist
Dorothea Dix
Joseph Pulitzer
William Randolph Hearst
Muckraker
Lincoln Steffens
Ida Tarbell
Jacob Riis
Nelly Bligh
Upton Sinclair

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Food and Drug
Administration

LAWS

Pure Food and Drug Act
Meat Inspection Act

ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

Blistering: hot enough to raise (or as if to raise) blisters

Cadre: a nucleus of military personnel capable of expansion

Embedded: enclosed firmly in a surrounding mass

Grotesque: distorted and unnatural in shape or size

Hyperbolic: enlarged beyond truth or reasonableness

Incendiary: capable of causing fires or catching fire spontaneously

Indigent: poor enough to need help from others

Meteoric: of extraterrestrial bodies that hit the earth's atmosphere

Pamphlet: a small book usually having a paper cover

Plight: a situation from which extrication is difficult

Prevalent: most frequent or common

Propel: cause to move forward with force

Scope: the state of the environment in which a situation exists

Squalor: sordid dirtiness

Stunt: check the growth or development of

Temperamental: subject to sharply varying moods

Theorize: construct a hypothesis about

Titan: a person of exceptional importance and reputation

Unearth: recover through digging

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T H I R D Q U E S T I O N

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE PROGRESSIVE?

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PEOPLE AND GROUPS

Patrons of Husbandry / Grange
Populist Party
Jacob Coxey
Coxey's Army
William Jennings Bryan
William McKinley
Progressives
Progressive Party
YMCA
YWCA
Christian Science
Salvation Army
Jane Addams
John Dewey
Robert La Follette
John Muir
Sierra Club
Boy Scouts
Girl Scouts

LAWS

Keating-Owen Act
Fair Labor Standards Act
16th Amendment
17th Amendment

PLACES

Hull House

IDEAS

Free Coinage of Silver
Graduated Income Tax
Initiative
Referendum
Recall
Whistle-Stop
Laissez Faire
Social Darwinism
Settlement House
Work Permit
Normal School
High School
City Commission
City Manager

EVENTS

Panic of 1893
Third Great Awakening
Triangle Shirtwaist Fire

GOVERNMENT

AGENCIES

National Child Labor
Committee (NCLC)

SPEECHES

Cross of Gold Speech

ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

Acre: a unit of area used in English-speaking countries

Agrarian: relating to rural matters

Arena: a large structure for open-air sports or entertainments

Avid: marked by active interest and enthusiasm

Compulsory: required by rule

Destitute: poor enough to need help from others

Doldrums: a belt of calms between the Atlantic and Pacific trade winds

Dub: new sounds added to a soundtrack

Graduated: marked with or divided into degrees

Imperil: pose a threat to; present a danger to

Lag: hang or fall in movement, progress, development, etc.

Mandatory: required by rule

Plight: a situation from which extrication is difficult

Populous: densely filled with inhabitants

Prototype: a standard or typical example

Rejuvenate: make younger or more youthful

Synagogue: the place of worship for a Jewish congregation

Technician: someone who is trained in a specific process

Transpire: come about, happen, or occur

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IDEAS

Cult of Domesticity
Free Love
Contraception
Birth Control
Suffrage

PLACES

Brownsville Clinic

LAWS & COURT CASES

Comstock Act
Muller v. Oregon
19th Amendment

PEOPLE & GROUPS

Victoria Woodhull
Henry Ward Beecher
Emma Goldman
Margaret Sanger
Planned Parenthood
Susan B. Anthony
Elizabeth Cady Stanton
Lucy Stone
National American
Woman Suffrage
Association (NAWSA)
Alice Paul
National Woman's Party
(NWP)
Carrie Chapman Catt
National Association
Opposed to Woman
Suffrage

ACADEMIC VOCABULARY IN THE TEXT

Abridged: shortened by condensing or rewriting
Burgeon: grow and flourish
Dissemination: the act of dispersing or diffusing
Electorate: the body of enfranchised citizens; those qualified to vote
Enfranchise: grant the right to vote
Eroded: worn away as by water or ice or wind
Glamorous: having an air of allure, romance and excitement
Inalienable: incapable of being repudiated or transferred to another
Mindset: an attitude determining how you will respond to situations
Monogamous: having one mate
Ostracize: expel from a community or group
Pariah: a person who is rejected from society or home
Partisanship: an inclination to favor one group or view over alternatives
Publicize: make known to people as a whole
Socialize: interact with others
Stigmatize: condemn or openly or formally or brand as disgraceful
Vanguard: the group or person leading
Wallow: roll around

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