

The Rise of the Populist Party Webquest

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Rise of the Populist Party

http://www.pbs.org/wnet/jimcrow/stories_org_populist.html

1. What was the Populist movement? Explain how it emerged.
2. Why did agrarian reformers rise up and what party did they form?
3. Explain what the Populist Party wanted to do.
4. Who was Tom Watson? What did he want to achieve? Summarize his political speech.
5. Describe the ending of the Populist Party.

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William Jennings Bryan

http://www.americaslibrary.gov/aa/bryan/aa_bryan_subj.html

1. List all of his careers and jobs.
2. Who did he defend?
3. Which party did he work with?
4. Explain who the Populist Party was.

Listen to the speech and then read the paragraph about the speech on the bottom to answer the questions below.

["Cross of Gold" speech](#)

<http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/5354/>

1. What does the speech highlight?
2. Why do you think is the major theme in his speech?
3. Why does he defend gold?
4. Which group of people does he speak for? Why does he speak for these types of workers?
5. Evaluate the part where he says "you shall not press upon the bow of labor this crown thorns, and you shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold" What do you think he means by that?

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[Frederick Jackson Turner](#)

http://www.pbs.org/weta/thewest/people/s_z/turner.htm

1. Who was he and give a brief summary of his life.
2. What did the US Census Bureau announce?
3. What did Turner argue about the Frontier?
4. How did Turner define the frontier?
5. Explain in your own words Turner's description of the Frontier.
6. Explain what "individualistic democracy" is.
7. What do they mean when the article talks about, "the west has not been the land of freedom and opportunity?"