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## Comprehension Check #1

1. Which of the following did NOT support rapid industrialization during the Gilded Age?
  - A** Increased importing of raw materials from other countries
  - B** Widespread availability of electricity
  - C** The Bessemer Process
  - D** Completion of the transcontinental railroad
  
2. Unions in the Gilded Age changed all of the following, EXCEPT:
  - A** Unequal pay among workers with similar skills
  - B** Division of labor
  - C** Safety of working conditions
  - D** Length of the work day
  
3. The theories of social Darwinism and laissez-faire capitalism tended to benefit:
  - A** Captains of industry
  - B** Government officials
  - C** Immigrant workers
  - D** Small-business owners
  
4. All of the following were common concerns about unions, EXCEPT:
  - A** They caused foreign investors to view American workers as difficult to work with
  - B** They threatened to raise the price of producing goods, therefore slowing the growth of the economy
  - C** Their goals seemed more similar to the ideals of socialism than democratic free enterprise
  - D** Their tactics during labor disputes sometimes led to urban violence
  
5. This era is known as the Gilded Age because some people believed that:
  - A** The opening of the West through the railroad systems increased opportunities to find gold
  - B** Those who were the fittest to compete could find riches
  - C** Wealthy and philanthropic captains of industry led society
  - D** What looked prosperous on the outside had many underlying problems