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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