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POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CHALLENGES

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CHECKPOINTS

Answer each question using complete sentences.

1. Why did the federal government fail to make significant political gains between 1877 and 1897?
2. How did the spoils system lead to government corruption and, eventually, government reform?
3. Why did the Republicans and Democrats differ in their view of the tariff issue?

TERMS AND PEOPLE

Explain how each of the following terms describes a political issue during the 1870s and 1880s.

1. spoils system
2. civil service
3. Pendleton Civil Service Act
4. gold standard