

Writing Exercises: The Rise of Organized Labor

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class Period: _____

1. Analyze Social Darwinism in terms of the working class. Is the concept logically consistent? Were those at the bottom of the socio-economic ladder able to rise to the top? Explain your answer.

2. Business and labor used many tools and tactics to get their way during this period. Compare and contrast these tools and tactics.

3. Are there certain tools and tactics for business and labor which are either more or less effective today? That is, do modern circumstances make it more or less difficult for either business or labor to get its way?

4. Describe the life and achievements of Mary Harris "Mother" Jones.

5. Explain the events surrounding the Triangle Shirtwaist factory fire.
