

Writing Exercises: The Gilded Age

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class Period: _____

1. Analyze how and why graft and political corruption were detrimental to law-abiding persons.

2. Explain why political machines thrived in urban areas with sizeable immigrant populations.

3. Describe the life and crimes of William M. "Boss" Tweed.

4. Summarize the presidencies of the Gilded Age (Hayes, Garfield, Arthur, Cleveland, and Harrison).

5. Explain how civil service reform helped to dismantle the spoils system.
