Gilded Age Webquest

Go to:  http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/carnegie/gildedage.html

1. What did Mark Twain mean when he said the opening quote?
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2. What extravagant gift did Mrs. Stuyvesant buy her dog for a party?
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3. Describe the stratification (difference in classes) of American Society in the Gilded Age.
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4. What specific groups were in the lowest part of Society?
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5. Describe “Political Machine” (search on internet if you need help).
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6. Why did immigrants turn to political machines?
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Next page: Carnivals of Revenge-link at bottom of first page.

7. How many strikes/lockouts occurred in the 1880s?

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8. In __________, the State Militia fired on strikers, killing 11 and wounding 40.

9. What was governmental policy toward strikes?

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10. What did laborers do in response to the hard line taken by factory owners and the government?

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11. ________ owned Pullman Car Company and slashed workers’ wages and raised rent, which resulted in the workers going on strike.

12. What is the result of the labor-owner clashes?

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Next page: Millionaire's Row

Read through Millionaires Row and check out the houses of the wealthy industrialists -- it must be nice!!!

13. What street in New York City became the most magnificent street in the world?

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14. What two “Robber Barons” worked out of Pittsburgh?

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15. Why did Frick build his mansion?

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16. The Astros could host ______ people in their ballroom.
17. Describe the picture of the “Vanderbilt Chateau.”
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18. What member of the Vanderbilt family led the building of the Metropolitan Opera House?
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Next page: go to People and Events; click on Andrew Carnegie
19. How much did it cost the Carnegie family to come to the US in 1848?
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20. __________ hired Carnegie to work for him and became his mentor, calling him “my boy Andy.”

Next page: go to People and Events; click on Herbert Spencer
21. Summarize the theory put forth by Spencer in his philosophy of Social Darwinism:
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Child Labor
http://www.historyplace.com/unitedstates/childlabor/
1. Carefully read through the captions and review the picture on this site. Using bullet points, list 5 observations based on what you see.
   a. ________________________________________________________________
   b. ________________________________________________________________
   c. ________________________________________________________________
   d. ________________________________________________________________
   e. ________________________________________________________________
Inventions of the Gilded Age

http://www.shmoop.com/great-inventions/timeline.html

1. List 4 significant inventions during the Gilded Age. Explain how each improved life during this time period.
   a. ________________________________________________________________
   b. ________________________________________________________________
   c. ________________________________________________________________
   d. ________________________________________________________________

Personal Wealth

Please use the following links:
http://www.nytimes.com/ref/business/20070715_GILDED_GRAPHIC.html#

2. Of the top 30 wealthiest people in American History, how many were from the Gilded Age?
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3. Which of these men has a local connection to Whiting?
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4. As you look through the stories of how these men acquired wealth: in what ways did they acquire wealth? What were the primary industries of the day?
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5. Brainstorming: what political factors do you think allowed for these men to become as wealthy as they did?
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