

The American Yawp

VOLUME II: AFTER 1877

Exam 1

IDENTIFICATIONS (5% each: CHOOSE FIVE)

You are responsible for three identification short answers. I expect you to, in a short paragraph, identify what the topic is, argue how it relates to the period, and, preferably, show how one of our readings helps to explain it.

- Social Darwinism
- The People's Party (The Populists)
- The West in Popular Culture
- Henry Grady & the "New South"
- The Philippine–American War
- Triangle Shirtwaist Fire
- Jim Crow
- The 1912 Presidential Election

ESSAY (75%)

Historians use primary sources to construct historical arguments. For your essay, you will need to marshal primary sources that you have read in class to craft an argumentative essay. Marshal as much evidence and be as specific as you can.

- “Never in the history of the world was society in so terrific flux [*definition: continuous change*] as it is right now,” Jack London wrote in *The Iron Heel*, a 1908 dystopian novel. In an argumentative essay, answer the following prompt: How had the United States changed in the fifty years since the end of the Civil War?