

Problems of the Farmers

1. List the various complaints of farmers.

2. How does Reading 5 present a different point of view?

3. How might a banker respond to Reading 2?

4. To what extent are the farmers' problems of their own making?

5. Explain how the following factors influenced the plight of the farmers:
 - a. Big business
 - b. Government policies
 - c. Overproduction
 - d. Weather and the unpredictability of farming

Populism: The Rise and Fall of the People's Party

6. Explain why the Populists wanted each of the following reforms:
 - a. Free and unlimited coinage of silver
 - b. Graduated income tax
 - c. Secret ballot
 - d. Direct election of senators
 - e. Initiative
 - f. Referendum
 - g. Recall
 - h. Shorter hours and restrictions on immigration

7. What does Document A tell you about business sympathies?

8. How does Document A illustrate the need for the secret ballot?

9. How does Document A help to explain Bryan's defeat?

10. What do the following symbols in Document B represent:
 - a. Joker
 - b. Bent-over man

11. For whom does Document B suggest the laborer vote? Why?

12. According to Document C, how many electoral votes did each candidate in the 1896 election win?

13. How many states did each candidate carry? (Doc. C)
 - a. Bryan
 - b. McKinley

14. What states or sections of the country are traditionally considered to be agricultural in the US? (Doc. C)

15. Which sections of the country had the largest population? (Doc. C)

16. How does the map suggest the sectional appeal of each candidate?

17. Which Populist proposals from Question 6 eventually became law?

18. Summarize the significance of the Populist Movement in US history in a single sentence.