**Questions to Accompany - *The Great West and the Agricultural Revolution***

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**The Farm Becomes a Factory**

1. “Now high prices persuaded farmers to concentrate on growing single “cash” crops, such as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and use their profits to buy foodstuffs at the general store and manufactured goods in town or by mail order.”
2. “A powerful steam engine could drag behind it simultaneously the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
3. By the 1880s, the combine- a combination reaper-thresher was being drawn by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and both reaped and bagged the grain!
4. Bonanza farms foreshadowed the gigantic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the next century.
5. Where were farms three times the size of the national average? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Deflation Dooms the Debtor**

1. “If the wheat fields of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and other foreign countries flourished, the price of the farmers’ grain would fall and American sodbusters would face ruin, as they did in the 1880s and 1890s.”
2. In 1870, the currency in circulation for each person was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; in 1890 it was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. …by 1890 Nebraska alone reported more than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ farms blanketed with mortgages.
4. “Ruinous rates of interest running from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, were charged on mortgages…”
5. By 1880, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of all American farmers were operated by tenants.

**Unhappy Farmers**

1. Mile wide clouds of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, leaving ‘nothing but the mortgage’ ravaged prairie farms.
2. The terrible \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was also wreaking havoc in the South by the early 1890s.
3. Farmers were ‘at the mercy’ of three trusts- what were they? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Farmers made up about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the population in 1890, but they were hopelessly disorganized.

**The Farmers Take their Stand**

1. “Agrarian unrest had flared forth earlier, in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ movement shortly after the Civil War.”
2. The National Grange of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ -- better known as the Grange- was organized in 1867.
3. By 1875, the Grange had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ members!
4. Some Grangers went into politics- where they strove to regulate two things- what were they? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. “Farmers grievances likewise found a vent in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which combined the inflationary appeal of the earlier Greenbackers with a program for improving the lot of labor.”

**Prelude to Populism**

1. The Farmer’s Alliance was founded in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the late 1870s.
2. How did the Alliance weaken itself? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Out of the Farmers’ Alliances a new political party emerged in the early 1890s- the People’s party- better known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Populists wanted to nationalize the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and were also supportive of instituting a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Mary Elizabeth Lease said supposedly that Kansans should “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ continued to hobble Populists in the South, but their ranks in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were swelling.