Social Darwinism
Main Idea:
_________________________ and _____________________ shaped Americans’ attitudes toward ________________ society.

• In 1872, __________________________ and Charles Warner wrote a novel entitled __________________________: A Tale of Today.
  − By calling this era the __________________________, they were warning others that something might appear to ________________, but the inside is probably made of ______________ material.

• Whether the era was golden or merely gilded, it was certainly a time of great ________________ activity.

• One of the strongest beliefs of the era was the idea of __________________________.
  − __________________________ wrote more than 100 “rags to riches” stories.

• Another powerful idea was __________________________.
  − British philosopher Herbert Spencer applied __________________________ theory of ________________ and __________________________ to human society.

• For many devout __________________________, however, Darwin’s conclusions were upsetting and offensive.

• Andrew __________________________ advocated a gentler version of Social Darwinism that he called the __________________________.
  − This philosophy held that wealthy Americans should engage in ________________ and use their great fortunes to create conditions that would help people help themselves.

A Changing Culture
Main Idea:
_________________________ and _____________________ began portraying life in America more __________________________, and cities offered new forms of ________________.

• A new movement in art and literature called __________________________ began in the ____________.
  − Artists and writers tried to portray the world realistically.
  − Perhaps the best-known American painter was Thomas __________________________.
  − William Dean __________________________ and Mark __________________________ are two famous __________________________ from this era.

• __________________________ culture changed considerably in the late 1800s.
  − As a place for social gathering, __________________________ played a major role in the lives of ________________ workers.
  − __________________________ parks and watching professional __________________________ also became popular during the late 1800s.
  − Playing __________________________, ________________, and __________________________ became popular.
  − __________________________ and __________________________ music echoed the hectic pace of city life.

Politics in Washington
Main Idea:
The two major parties were closely competitive in the late 1800s; ________________ rates and big business regulation were hotly debated political issues.

• When Rutherford B. __________________________ became president in 1877, he tried to end ________________ by firing officials who had been given their jobs under the spoils system.
  − His actions divided the Republican Party between “______________” (who supported patronage) and the “______________” (who opposed it).