**GUIDED READING EXERCISE**

**Chapter 16—Industrial America, 1877-1900**

* **What were the most important social, economic, and political developments of the Industrial Revolution?**

***Download and save this document so you can return to it to take notes and later use it for studying.*** *As you read the chapter, fill in the chart below to help yourself identify the important developments of the Industrial Revolution. If you copy and paste from the text, make sure you place quotation marks around the copied material; if you are able to describe the developments in your own words, however, you should do so.*

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|  | **Important social, economic, and political**  |
| **America Industrializes** |  |
| The New Industrial Economy |  |
| Innovation and Inventions |  |
| Building a New South |  |
| Industrial Consolidation |  |
| The Growth of Corporations |  |
| **Laissez-Faire, Social Darwinism, and Their Critics** |  |
| The Doctrines of Success |  |
| Challenges to Laissez-Faire |  |
| **Society and Culture in the Gilded Age** |  |
| Wealthy and Middle-Class Leisure-Time Pursuits |  |
| Changing Gender Roles |  |
| Black America and Jim Crow |  |
| **National Politics in the Era of Industrialization** |  |
| The Weak Presidency  |  |
| Congressional Inefficiency |  |
| The Business of Politics |  |
| An Energized and Entertained Electorate |  |

*After you have read the chapter, use your notes to compose an essay that answers the question:*

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*Be sure to include an opening, introductory paragraph in which you state your thesis. Then use the body of your essay to provide evidence from the chapter to support that thesis. End by writing a clear conclusion to your essay.*