**GUIDED READING EXERCISE**

**Chapter 20—Dissent, Depression, and War, 1890–1900**

* **Why were the 1890s such a turbulent period in U.S. history?**

***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 identify specific examples that help explain why the 1890s was such a turbulent time in U.S. history. 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 reasons in your own words, however, you should do so.*

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|  | **Examples** | **Consequences** |
| **Why did American farmers organize alliances in the late nineteenth century?** |  |  |
| **What led to the labor wars of the 1890s?** |  |  |
| **How were women involved in late-nineteenth-century politics?** |  |  |
| **How did economic problems affect American politics in the 1890s?** |  |  |
| **Why did the United States largely abandon its isolationist foreign policy in the 1890s?** |  |  |

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

* **Why were the 1890s such a turbulent period in U.S. history?**

*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.*