**GUIDED READING EXERCISE**

**Chapter 17—Workers and Farmers in the Age of Organization, 1877-1900**

* **What new opportunities and challenges did industrialization bring to laborers, and how did it shape politics and society?**

***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 remind yourself of the opportunities and challenges associated with industrialization. If you copy and paste from the text, make sure to put quotation marks around the copied material; however, if you can think of a way to put it into your own words, you should do so.*

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|  | **Opportunities**  | **Challenges** | **Impact on politics and society**  |
| Unskilled labor |  |  |  |
| Skilled labor |  |  |  |
| Big Business |  |  |  |
| Farmers |  |  |  |

*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.*