



SECTION QUIZ Politics in the Gilded Age

- **A. Terms and Names** Write the letter of the term or name that matches the description. A term may be used only once, and not all terms will be used.
 - a. Stalwarts
- e. Pendleton Act
- i. Benjamin Harrison

b. graft

- f. Grover Cleveland g. Chester A. Arthur
- j. Rutherford B. Hayes

- c. political machines d. spoils system
- h. James A. Garfield
- 1. These Republican supporters of New York City boss Roscoe Conkling were strongly opposed to civil-service reform. 2. This authorized an independent civil service commission to make government appointments based on the merit system.
- 3. This president surprised everyone by turning reformer. His efforts to persuade Congress to reform the civil service resulted in the Pendleton Act.
- 4. This president was a strong supporter of civil-service reform. Although he did not succeed in getting Congress to go along with his plans for reform, he was able to clean up the nation's customhouses.
- 5. This was any type of unethical or illegal use of political influence for personal gain.
- 6. These were organized groups that controlled the activities of a political party in a city.
- B. Extended Response Briefly answer the following question. If you need more room, continue on the back of this paper.

During the Gilded Age, there were efforts to do away with the spoils system as well as efforts to lower tariffs. Choose one of these issues, and explain why it needed reform.