

Hi everyone,

This week and next, we're going to talk about the Industrial Revolution, from 1865 to the 1930s. We'll start in the South following the War and explore how the Federal government grew more powerful during the War, which of course aided Big Business. We'll then head out to the Plains to talk about the Farm Movement and Populism. We will next turn to how and why the revolution developed, the movement of Americans from the country to city which also coincided with the arrival of new immigrants. Finally, we'll dive into Progressivism, then the Twenties, the Depression, and the New Deal. Too much? Definitely. But it is also incredibly interesting, lots of fun, and very complex.

Woodard writes about much of this, but unlike the first half of his book, it's spread out and scattered. I've underlined the things you should look for.

So, no questions this week, just some resources to explore if you're interested.

<https://youtu.be/7Lg4vjRY4Ts?si=6OEWkbUUNBIOhpG8> I've posted a cute little video about the origin of the idea that the *Wizard of Oz* was written as a parable of Populism. If you want to read Littlefield's essay, here's a link. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/2710826>

Finally, Heather Cox Richardson wrote a terrific article on Sunday all about exactly what we're looking at. The first part is about Trump's Tariff plan, but beginning with the following paragraph, she starts in on the interesting part: "By pointing to McKinley's presidency to justify his economic plan, Trump gives away the game. The McKinley years were those of the Gilded Age, in which industrialists amassed fortunes that they spent in spectacular displays." The link is below: Look for October 5.

https://open.substack.com/pub/heathercoxrichardson/p/october-5-2024?r=wkk3d&utm_campaign=post&utm_medium=email

See you on Wednesday.

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