

# Chapter 4 – Section 4

## The Great Strikes

- 1. Describe the gap that existed between the rich and the poor in the late 1800's.
- 2. What is *Socialism* and why did it appeal to many workers?
- 3. What was the *Communist Manifesto*?
- 4. Why were early labor unions formed?

- 5. What was the *National Trades Union*?
- 6. What sorts of demands did unions make on behalf of workers?
- 7. What did the *Knights of Labor* push for?
- 8. Who was *Samuel Gompers* and what was the *AFL*?
- 9. Why weren't women and African Americans generally protected by unions?
- 10. What did the *AFL* do to get their demands met?

- 11. What is collective bargaining and why is it important to unions?
- 12. Who were the *Wobblies* (aka Industrial Workers of the World or IWW)
- 13. Naturally, employers disliked and feared unions. What were 5 steps they took to stop them?

- 14. What happened during the *Railroad Strike of 1877*?
- 15. What happened with strikes between 1881 and 1900?
- 16. What are *scabs* and why don't unions like them?

- 17. What are *anarchists*?
- 18. What happened at the *Haymarket Riot*?  
What lasting effect did it have on the nation?
- 19. What happened during the *Homestead Strike*?
- 20. What happened during the *Pullman Strike*  
and why was the outcome important?

# Homework

## 150-200 words

- You are a UNION MEMBER working for a factory, railroad, or elsewhere. Describe your work conditions and why you joined the union. Also, describe one of the major strikes that you either witnessed or participated in.
  - *Alternatively*
- You are a FACTORY OR RR OWNER. Describe why you oppose the unions and feel that they are a threat to your country. Describe one of the strikes from an *owner's perspective*.