Texas History for Teachers

Vocabulary Quiz *Advanced*

Unit 11: Age of Oil

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Part I: Key Terms

Directions: Match each vocabulary term in the word bank with its correct definition.

Petroleum	Boomtown	Progressives
Suffrage	Prohibition	

1.	The right to vote. In this era, many women advocated for the right to vote, while People of Color worked to overcome legal barriers to voting.
2.	Communities that grew rapidly, and were established as a result of the growth in the oil industry in Texas.
3.	People who believed society should be improved through reforms in education, labor, health and safety, education, housing, and voting rights.
4.	A thick, yellow-black substance found beneath the earth's surface that can be used for energy, for example: as fuel for automobiles.
5.	While the general meaning is to prevent or stop something from happening, in the context of this unit this term means to outlaw or abolish alcohol as part of the Progressive agenda to improve society.

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Part II: Fill in the Blank

Directions: Use the vocabulary terms to fill in the blanks on the following statements.

Petroleum	Boomtowns	Progressive

Suffrage	Prohibition

1. Across Texas, _____ like Beaumont along the coast, Corsicana in east Texas, and Burkburnett in north Texas experienced enormous population and economic growth as the result of oil discoveries in each location.

2. In the United States, many women had worked for decades to achieve political equality through _____. When the 19th Amendment passed in 1920, American women were finally granted this right, though many barriers still existed for Women of Color.

3. The Age of Oil in Texas was driven by discoveries of _____ throughout Texas after the primary discovery at Spindletop on January 10, 1901. This natural resource would go on to become an integral part of Texas's economy.

4. The _____ movement focused on making improvements to society by enacting reforms in education, supporting fair and safe housing, pushing for food and drug regulations, health and safety programs in communities, arguing for worker rights and safety in the workplace, and women's right to vote.

5. One of the goals of some Progressives was to abolish the use, consumption, and production of alcohol. They believed that _____ would benefit women and children in families, reduce crime, and alleviate many other social challenges.

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Part III: Comprehension Questions

1. Read the primary source excerpt and answer the question that follows.

> "There is just one way that a nation can progress, and that is by having a government that is really and truly representative; not of the wealth and business alone, but of all the people from the poorest and humblest citizen to the billionaire. There is only one way to get better conditions and that is to go to the ballot box and vote intelligently. The ballot is the first great step to freedom; it is the key-stone to all democracy."
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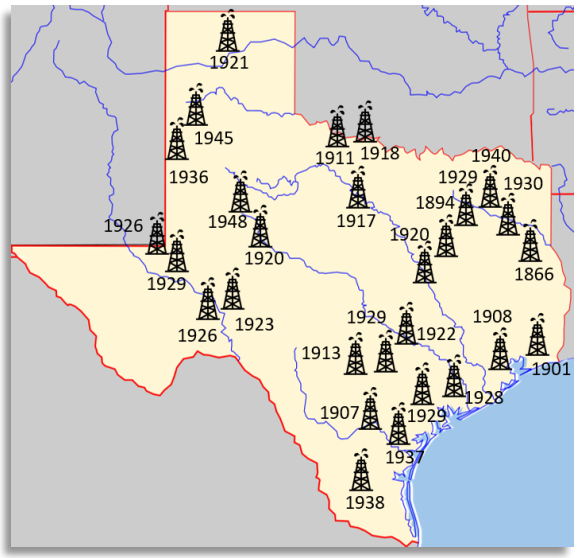
> - The Savoy Star. (Savoy, Tex.), Friday, November 17, 1916. *The Portal to Texas History*

Which vocabulary term from the unit is this excerpt referring to? Explain your answer with examples from the source.

2. Examine the map to the right. Using one of our vocabulary terms from the unit, create an accurate title of 3 to 6 words for this map.



3. ***This is a two-part question***. The following primary source excerpt was taken from a list created by the Texas Federation of Labor. Read the list and answer the questions that follow.

> "Urging the reduction of the poll tax to $1 and the application of all money collected in poll tax to the State school fund."
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> "Indorsing a law providing that corporations or individuals be unable to permit any employee to enter a steam boiler, firebox, or smoke chamber when under steam pressure, and attaching a penalty, and making the employer guilty of manslaughter should an employee be killed under such conditions."
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> "Indorsing the passage of an act providing for inspection of all employees at places where refreshments or edibles are for sale so as to guard against the spread of tuberculosis and other diseases."
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> "Asking a minimum wage law for women at the next session of the Texas legislature and proper sanitary regulations in places where women are employed."
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> "Indorsing an eight hour day, six days per week and half holiday for Saturday."
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> - "The Labor Dispatch (Galveston, Tex.), Vol. 6, No. 16, Ed. 1 Saturday, April 29, 1916.

PART I: Which of the following statements most accurately describes how the primary source above is connected to the terms from our unit?

a. The list demonstrates the economic developments and growth that the oil industry brought Texas after the Spindletop discovery.
b. The items in the list exemplify a variety of reforms that people in the Progressive movement hoped to achieve to improve society.
c. The list presents arguments in favor of the ratification of a constitutional amendment to grant equal suffrage rights to women.
d. The list outlines the most significant challenges and issues facing the new and rapidly growing oil boomtowns following the Spindletop discovery.

PART II: Provide evidence from the primary source excerpt to support your claim in part I of this question.

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