Texas History for Teachers

Vocabulary Quiz *Grade Level*

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. • People of Color worked to overcome legal barriers to voting.
2.	• Communities that grew rapidly. • Established as a result of the growth in the oil industry in Texas.
3.	• People who believed society should be improved through reform. • They wanted to improve education, labor, health and safety, education, housing, and voting rights.
4.	• A thick, yellow-black substance found beneath the earth's surface. • Used for energy, for example: as fuel for automobiles.
5.	• The general meaning is to prevent or stop something from happening, • In this unit, the 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. Beaumont, Corsicana, and Burkburnett are examples of _____, or communities that grew rapidly due to the oil industry in Texas.

2. The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was passed in 1920, granting equal _____ rights to women. This meant that women could now vote.

3. The oil industry transformed Texas as a natural resource called _____ was discovered all across the state.

4. The primary goal of the _____ movement was to improve society by making reforms in education, housing, healthcare, and the workplace.

5. Many Progressives believed that alcohol caused a number of problems in society. These Progressives supported _____, or the movement to abolish alcohol.

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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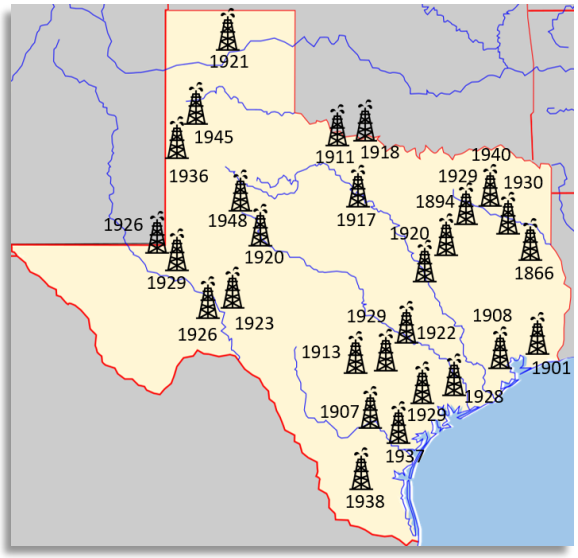
> - The Savoy Star. (Savoy, Tex.), Friday, November 17, 1916. *The Portal to Texas History*

The vocabulary term that is best represented by the excerpt above is…

a. …suffrage, because the excerpt is primarily referring to the benefits of voting rights.
b. …Progressivism, because the excerpt refers to progress, better conditions, and freedom.
c. … petroleum, because the excerpt refers to business, wealth, and billionaires.
d. …all of the above.

2. Which of the following answers would be the most accurate title of the map?

a. Annual Petroleum Profits in Texas
b. Oil and the Progressive Movement
c. Suffrage Rights by County
d. Texas Oil Boomtowns



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 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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