CHAPTER 24 READING

**Directions: Use pages 528 – 555 in order to complete the following questions.**

**Pages 528 – 536:**

1. What did transcontinental railroad construction require?

2. What did the government get in return for giving land to the railroad corporations?

3. Who was commissioned to build the railroad from Nebraska?

4. Who made up the bulk of the workforce on the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific?

5. How did the Transcontinental Railroad impact the country?

6. Why was steel better than iron railroad tracks?

7. How did the railroad network help farms? Cities?

8. What was stock watering as it relates to the railroads?

9. Why were Americans reluctant to combat economic injustice?

10. What was the decision in the Wabash case?

11. What did the Interstate Commerce Act do in 1887?

12. Why is the Interstate Commerce Act significant?

**Pages 536 – 546:**

13. When was the word Millionaire coined?

14. Why was labor cheap to come by?

15. Why were women chosen over boys to be operators?

16. How many attempts did Edison make in trying to invent the lightbulb?

17. Explain vertical integration and horizontal integration.

18. How does the Bessemer process work?

19. What two resources were necessary for producing steel?

20. Explain the industry the following men were associated with. Carnegie, Vanderbilt, Morgan, and Rockefeller?

21. What did the electric industry render obsolete?

22. How did the oil industry become profitable?

23. What theory did many supporters of wide-open capitalism support?

24. What did the Sherman Anti-Trust Act do?

25. According to the chart, where were most textile mills in 1880? Where did they move to during the 1900s?

26. How did the railroads keep the South in a “third world” status?

**Pages 547 – 555:**

27. What two inventions propelled women into the workforce?

28. What was a “Gibson Girl?”

29. Why were wage workers vulnerable?

30. How did the railroads help keep wages down?

31. How were strikes viewed by middle class America?

32. Who did the National Labor Union bar from joining?

33. Who did the Knights of Labor ban?

34. What happened at Haymarket Square?

35. What were the goals of Samuel Gompers and the AFof L?