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 increasing centralization of political and economic power by the

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EXPANSION AND INDUSTRIALIZATION

 Industrialization and its effects on the society, economy and

political processes of the United States

 The rise of big business, big government and big labor

 The shift from a production-oriented, rural America of the 19th

century to the consumption-oriented, urban America of the 20th century

 The globalization of American economics

REFORM AND PROTEST

 Reform movements and the struggle for social justice

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 conflict between socio-economic-religious groups

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 growth of social complexity and the development of societal

values