VUS.8 Discussion

VUS.8a-VUS.8d

**Participation**

You must contribute at least 5 substantive comments to the in-class discussion. In order for your comments to be considered “substantive” they must contribute new ideas or respond to others’ comments. Your comments should always be supported by citing specific events, people and concepts from your studies of this unit.

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**Discussion Topics**

Assess the validity (truthfulness) of the statements below.

* Westward expansion, the Industrial Revolution, and urbanization radically changed the way that people worked and lived.
* "Great men" such as Thomas Edison and Andrew Carnegie were the driving force behind the transformation of the United States in the late 1800s.
* The late 1800s through the early 1900s was a time of vast economic opportunity.
* The United States is a melting pot where cultures from around the world are welcome to combine and create a new, uniquely American national identity.
* The economy flourishes when government stays out of the affairs of business owners.
* Booker T. Washington and those who took part in the "Great Migration" - not Homer Plessy, Ida B. Wells nor W.E.B. DuBois - had the best solutions for addressing the problems faced by African Americans in the early 1900s.
* Government responds positively to the demands of mass social movements.
* Women played the most important roles in the reform efforts during the Progressive Era.
* The Progressive movement addressed the ills of Gilded Age and was a largely beneficial influence on society, the economy, and government.