**Politics in the Gilded Age** URL: https://youtu.be/bIhtasGqg1w

1. **“Gilded Age”** because it looked **GOOD** but underneath it all there were some **BAD** things happening.
2. How **Political Machines** Worked (pre and post Civil War):

Famous Political Machine: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Party Boss Pre-Civil War: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Party Boss Post-Civil War: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Define “Graft” in your own words:

Graft >>>> Political Cronyism >>>>Spoils System (Jackson) all have WHAT in common?

Because of this, the Gilded Age is also known sometimes as the “Era of Good \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

1. **Ulysses S. Grant** *(complete note starters below)*

“Waving the Bloody Shirt” -

He is a good example of someone who was a good \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but NOT a good \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 2 examples (evidence) of scandals during his presidency were: (just name and put topic– no details)

1. **Post-War Money Troubles** *(complete note starters below)*

1800’s – Financial Panic just about every \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years.

Panic of 1873 – caused by inflation and over-speculation in the RR industry but mostly about the value of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. BIG ISSUE IN THIS PERIOD! (Big Reason that the North gave up on “Reconstruction”)

**Debtors** (people who owe money) VS. **Bankers** (want to collect on loans):

1. **Influence of Business on Government:** *(what does the famous political cartoon suggest about the period?)*
2. **Republican Party** “Unofficially splits” between two groups: *(note the 2 groups and their goals)*
3. **Pendleton Civil Service Act** - *(what did it do? What did it stop somewhat?)*
4. **The Lone Democrat** *(Identify and take notes about him)*
5. **The Billion Dollar Congress** *(Identify and take notes)*

**The Gilded Age leads into the “Progressive” Era where we will see how the country deals with these growing pains economically, politically and socially.**