

Gilded Age Politics

The time period from 1868-1896 is often referred to as the Gilded Age. The term was coined by Mark Twain and Charles Warner in 1873 when they collaborated on a book titled, *The Gilded Age*. The novel's theme was that the post-Civil War years were above all an age of corruption, profiteering, and false glitter. Generations of political scientists and historians have since reinforced the two novelists' judgment. In the context of the politics of the age, do you agree?

| Reading | Main Idea of the Reading | Factual Evidence that Supports Twain's Conclusion |
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| The Grant Administration | | |
| Politics at the Federal Level | | |
| Urban Politics | | |

