

## American History Assignment 29

- Begin studying for the final test, which will be posted on the second Thursday in May and due the third Thursday in May.
- Read and study the following in the AP U. S. History book: “Rise of American Imperialism,” “Progressive Era,” “United States and World War I,” “Beginning of Modern America: the 1920s,” and “Great Depression and the New Deal.” Answer the questions at the end of the chapter. My questions for the weekly class review will be based solely on these chapters.
- Below is a pictorial review of the era of the Populist Party when “Coxey’s Army” marched on the Capitol. Many interpret Frank Baum’s *Wizard of Oz* as an allegory of the populist’s concern with the **yellow brick road** to the Emerald City as representing the gold standard and the silver slippers (ruby in the film) representing free coinage. Some things to remember about the Populist movement in the United States:
  - During the years 1892–96, it played a major role as a left-wing force in American politics.
  - It was highly critical of capitalism, especially banks and railroads, and allied itself with the labor movement.
  - In the 1896 presidential elections the Populists supported William Jennings Bryan (remember his “Cross of Gold” speech), adding their own vice presidential nominee, Thomas E. Watson. By joining with the Democrats, the People’s Party lost its independent identity and rapidly withered away. It was merged into the Democratic Party in 1896.
  - The Populists represented a radical crusading form of agrarianism and hostility to elites, cities, banks, railroads, and gold.

