

Exercise walk-through

Reform in the Gilded Age ■ 6.11

eXercise

You must be able to

- name the four groups that championed alternative visions
- state what many women did in pursuit of greater equality
- explain what 'alternative visions' means here
- connect reform to the Gospel of Wealth

Method — Four groups

A number of artists and critics, including agrarians, utopians, socialists, and advocates of the Social Gospel, championed alternative visions for the economy and U.S. society.

Method — Women's action

Many women sought greater equality with men, often joining voluntary organizations, going to college, and promoting social and political reform. Three activities, all of them organised.

Method — Alternative visions

Not adjustments to industrial capitalism but different accounts of what the economy and society should be. That is why agrarians and socialists appear in one list despite having little in common.

Method — Against the Gospel of Wealth

6.10's Gospel of Wealth accepts the distribution and asks the wealthy to give. 6.11's alternative visions question the distribution itself. Both are responses to the same inequality.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

Name the four groups that championed alternative visions.

Solution 2.1

Method: Four groups

Worked steps

agrarians; utopians; socialists; advocates of the Social Gospel **B2**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 3 marks

State the three things many women did.

Solution 2.2

Method: Women's action

Worked steps

joining voluntary organizations **B1**; going to college **B1**; promoting social and political reform **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 2 marks

Two responses to inequality differ.

- (a) Contrast the Gospel of Wealth with alternative visions.
- (b) State why agrarians and socialists appear in one list.

Solution 2.3

Worked steps

(a) the Gospel of Wealth accepts the distribution and asks the wealthy to give **B1**; alternative visions question the distribution itself **B1**. (b) both offered different accounts of what the economy and society should be **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

Advocates of the Social Gospel are listed among those championing

- A** alternative visions for the economy and society
- B** the tariff
- C** consolidation
- D** segregation

Solution 3.1

Method: Four groups

A alternative visions for the economy and society



B the tariff

C consolidation

D segregation

Worked steps

A. alternative visions.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

Many women promoted social and political reform, went to college and

A joined voluntary organizations

B withdrew from public life

C left the country

D opposed education

Solution 3.2

Method: Women's action

A joined voluntary organizations



B withdrew from public life

C left the country

D opposed education

Worked steps

A. voluntary organizations.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

One response to inequality asks the rich to give; another questions how they became rich.

- (a) State which is which.
- (b) Explain why both count as responses.

Solution 3.3

Method: Against the Gospel of Wealth

Worked steps

(a) the Gospel of Wealth asks the rich to give; alternative visions question the distribution **B1**. (b) both address the same inequality **B1**, differing over whether the arrangement producing it should be changed **B1**.