1870 – 1900

Put the Events in Order

Name _____ Date _____

These 8 events from the Gilded Age timeline are out of order. Write a number from 1 to 8 in each box, from the earliest event (1) to the latest (8).

☐ **Sherman Antitrust Act**
Congress passes the first federal law banning business practices that restrain trade — the government's first attempt to limit the power of corporate monopolies.

☐ **Centennial Exhibition**
Philadelphia's World's Fair celebrates the nation's 100th birthday with displays of American industrial power, including Alexander Graham Bell's new telephone and giant steam engines.

☐ **Standard Oil Trust**
John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil Trust controls roughly 90% of US oil refining — pioneering the corporate trust as a tool for eliminating competition and dominating an entire industry.

☐ **Transcontinental Railroad Completed**
The Central Pacific and Union Pacific railroads meet at Promontory Summit, Utah, creating the first railroad to span the continental United States — built in large part by Chinese and Irish immigrant labor.

☐ **Rise of the Industrialists**
Andrew Carnegie builds a steel empire, John D. Rockefeller dominates oil, and Cornelius Vanderbilt controls railroads — amassing personal fortunes larger than anything previously seen in American history.

☐ **Panic of 1893**
A stock market crash and bank failures plunge the country into a severe economic depression, with unemployment reaching 20 percent in industrial cities.

☐ **Haymarket Affair**
A labor demonstration for the eight-hour workday in Chicago's Haymarket Square turns violent when a bomb explodes; police arrest labor leaders and eight are convicted in a deeply controversial trial.

☐ **Homestead Strike**
Carnegie Steel workers strike against wage cuts at Homestead, Pennsylvania; Carnegie dispatches Pinkerton armed guards, violence breaks out, the strike is crushed, and the workers' union is destroyed.

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1890 — 6. Sherman Antitrust Act

1892 — 7. Homestead Strike

1893 — 8. Panic of 1893