

“Guess Who’s Coming to Tea?”

(adapted from Phil D’Elia, South Side H.S., Rockville Centre, NY; & Jay Hohenstein, from somewhere in Minnesota)

Congratulations! You are having a tea party! You may invite five people active during the Gilded Age (for our purposes, 1870-1895). The people whom you invite-you must include at least one person who is not white, and one who is female-may be living or dead by the date of the party: March 22, 1895. If any are dead, you have special magical powers that will breathe life into them; otherwise, no one will eat the food, and the discussion will be boring.

The project will consist of three parts-each one graded separately. The final, cumulative grade will count as a test grade.

- I. Which five people are you inviting? (Due Wed., January 11)
 - a. Explain WHY for each one – DO NOT JUST GIVE THEIR BIOGRAPHY!
 - b. One page
- II. Seating chart around the table (Due Friday, January 13)
 - a. You must provide a drawing/diagram of your seating plan (1 pg)
 - b. Explain the logic of your seating plan: Why you sat them where you did (1-2 pages)
- III. With your magical powers (of 21st century technology), you have taped the discussion. Provide a transcript of the discussion (4pages minimum, typed, double-spaced, 12 pt Times New Roman font, 1 inch margins). Due Tuesday, January 17.
 - a. You may place yourself at the table and participate in the discussion; if you do this, you don’t count as one of the 5 people.
 - b. See text for basic background (CH 23-26)
 - c. Criteria
 - i. Authenticity and accuracy
 - ii. Topics: at least 3 (different ones) must be addressed in the conversation
 - iii. Creativity (humor is welcome, as long as your conversation is historically accurate and relevant)
 - iv. Bibliography (at least three sources)

Possible Guests: Choose at least one from each column

A.Carnegie	J.P. Morgan	J.A. Garfield	Chester Arthur
G. Cleveland	James G. Blaine	C. Vanderbilt	J.D. Rockefeller
James J. Hill	Geo. Pullman	Geo. B. Cox	Wm. M. Tweed
Roscoe Conkling	John Muir	Henry George	Josephine S. Lowell
Jane Addams	Jacob Riis	Frances Willard	Samuel Gompers
Eugene Debs	Florence Kelley	Tom Watson	Mary E. Lease
Fred. Law Olmstead	Stephen Crane	Mark Twain	Frank Lloyd Wright
Geronimo	Red Cloud	Charles Guiteau	Sitting Bull
Elizabeth C. Stanton	Frederick Douglass	Nat Love	Susan B. Anthony
Daniel Burnham	Edward Bellamy	B.T. Washington	Charlotte P. Gilman
Willa Cather			

Issues to discuss: Choose at least one from each column

Industrialists/laissez-faire/trusts

Govt. corruption (bosses, spoils, etc.)

Plight of Native Americans

West – cowboys, miners, RR, Conservation

Labor/Unions

Temperance/Prohibition

Immigration

Farmers/grangers/Populists

Class divisions/Gospel of Wealth/Social Darwinism

Jim Crow South

Women's Suffrage

Urbanization issues

We will wrap everything up with a real tea party in which you will choose one of your five people to emulate! 😊