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***The Rise of Big
Business and the
Gilded Age***
STAAR U.S. History EOC

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Directions: Choose the best answer for each question.

1 Edison perfected the incandescent bulb in 1879. Why was the electric light bulb important to the industrial economy of the U.S.?

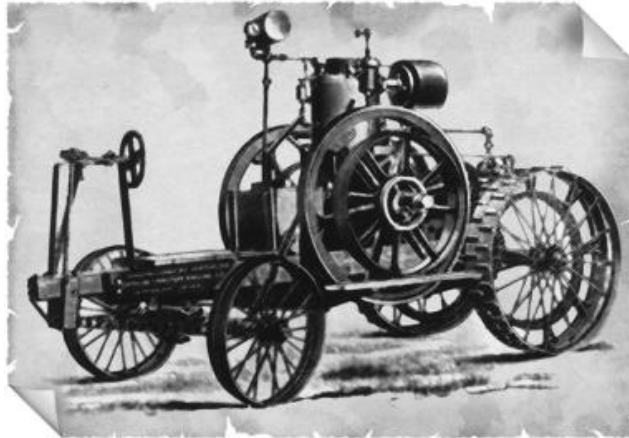
- A** Companies were founded to mass-produce light bulbs.
 - B** It was used to light factories.
 - C** It created more electricity companies.
 - D** Kerosene lamps were replaced by light bulbs.
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2 On May 13, 1897, Guglielmo Marconi sent the first ever wireless communication over open water via a long-distance radio transmitter. What long-distance communication technology did the wireless improve on?

- A** Letter writing
 - B** Ship radios
 - C** The telegraph
 - D** The Pony Express
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3 What made the mechanization of agriculture slower than the mechanization of manufacturing goods?

- A** The lack of an efficient portable engine
- B** Farmers' reluctance to try new technologies
- C** The difficulty of getting machines out to farmers in the west
- D** The fact that farmers were a smaller potential market



4 What innovation did John Froelich use to create this tractor in 1892?

- A A kerosene engine
 - B An electric engine
 - C A steam-powered engine
 - D A gas-powered engine
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5 The American system of manufacturing is defined as —

- A using machine tools to mass-produce interchangeable parts for building complex goods
 - B using unskilled workers in factories to tend machines that are basically self-sufficient
 - C using economies of scale to build larger and larger factories to produce more and more goods
 - D using strong-arm tactics to undercut competitors and create monopolies of production
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6 The first manufacturer to use the assembly line was —

- A the Singer sewing machine company
- B the Ford Motor Company
- C the John Deere company
- D the U.S. Steel company