1. What was the primary motivation for the formation of the Populist Party (aka the People’s Party) in the late 1800s?
2. What problems plagued U.S. farmers during the post-Civil War years?
3. Explain the three ways U.S. farmers responded to their struggles during the Gilded Age.
4. What was the Grange? What were Farmers’ Alliances?
5. Explain the Populist Party’s platform in the 1892 presidential election (i.e. what three things did the Populist Party call for).
6. How did the Populist Party’s candidate, James B. Weaver, fare in the 1892 presidential election?
7. Explain the “money question” that arose in the aftermath of the 1893 financial panic (explain why the Populists advocated coining silver and gold instead of just gold).
8. Which candidate was nominated by both the Democratic and Populist Parties in the 1896 election?
9. What famous speech did this candidate give during the Democratic party convention?
10. What was the focus of this speech?
11. Why were African American Populists opposed to an alliance with the Democratic Party in 1896?
12. Who were the two presidential candidates in 1896 and what were their stances on the “money question”?
13. Despite becoming politically irrelevant after the election of 1896, why was the Populist movement significant?