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Unit 14 Questions

Use chapters 19, 20, and 21 in your Texas History book to answer the questions below.

1. Why were farmers who lived in the Panhandle and West Texas at a disadvantage compared to farmers that settled in East Texas earlier in the 1800s?
2. Name two crops that grew well under the dry farming method?
3. What exactly did windmills do?
4. What helped motivate settlers to keep moving west?
5. What are some factors that lead to the growth of the cotton industry in Texas?
6. What are some other major crops that were grown in Texas?
7. How did farm-labor practices change after the Civil War?
8. What is the difference between tenant farming and sharecropping?
9. Why was the tenant farm system developed?
10. What were some of the challenges that tenant farmers and sharecroppers faced?
11. What products resulted from the manufacture of cottonseed oil?
12. How many miles of railroad was there in Texas by 1875? By the end of the century?
13. Which major Texas cities grew as a result of the expanded rail connections (name four)?
14. To help meet the demand for lumber, timber companies built towns and sawmills along which two Texas rivers?
15. Why did timber companies build sawmills near rivers?
16. Name three natural resources that created numerous mining jobs in Texas?
17. What happened to the coal industry once oil was discovered?
18. What movement worked to end corruption in business and in government?

19. Who was James S. Hogg?
20. What was the purpose of the 1889 Anti-Trust Act?
21. What is the purpose of the Interstate Commerce Commission?
22. What are some unfair practices that were stopped by the Texas Railroad Commission?
23. The law establishing the Railroad Commission was one of the several reform "Hogg Laws." What other types of laws were created while Hogg was in office?
24. Why was the discovery of oil at Spindletop in 1901 such an important event for other parts of the state?
25. Which state produces the most oil in the U.S.?
26. How many days did oil gush from Spindletop before a crew was finally able to cap the well?
27. What effect did Spindletop have on southeastern Texas?

Short Answer

1. Do you think windmills were needed more in East Texas or West Texas? Why?
2. Why do you think freed people became sharecroppers, rather than pursuing other work?
3. On the space below, write a short speech that Governor Hogg might have made in 1891 urging the passage of the "Hogg Laws."