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Directions: Read the quote below. Then write a paragraph explaining what Mark Twain meant when he called this era the "Gilded Age." Use evidence from the quote and your knowledge of the time period in your explanation.

Quote from Mark Twain

"The Gilded Age was a time when glittering wealth covered deep problems. What looked bright and successful on the outside hid inequality, corruption, and struggle underneath."

Writing Task - Write a well-developed paragraph (5-7 sentences) that:

- Explains the meaning of the term "Gilded Age"
- Describes at least two major problems that were hidden beneath the wealth
- Uses specific examples from U.S. history during this era

Your paragraph:
