

**POLS 4555 RAILROADS AND AMERICAN POLITICS
2013 FINAL EXAM STUDY QUESTIONS**

- 1. What is the most fundamental difference between a railroad and a canal (or highway)? How did it affect the operation of a railroad?**

- 2. How did Andrew Carnegie revolutionize the production of Iron and Steel in the United States?**

- 3. According to Craig Miner (*A Most Magnificent Machine*) what was the importance of the cog railroads in the late 1820s -- the Quincy Granite Quarry Railway and the Mauch Chunk Railway – and the B&O Railroad in the early 1830s?**

- 4. Give three examples of railroad-related scandals that were widely publicized by the newspapers of the time. What technological change (according to John Steele Gordon) made newspapers widely available after the Civil War so that they could publicize these scandals?**

- 5. What were the major regulatory acts passed by Congress between 1900 and 1920 and what effect did they have on the railroads?**

- 6. What is the importance of the *Munn vs. Illinois* (1877) and *Wabash, St. Louis, and Pacific Railroad vs. Illinois* (1886) Supreme Court decisions?**

- 7. What was true about the Farmers' complaints during the latter part of the 19th Century? Explain.**