

CHAPTER  
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GUIDED READING *Farmers and the Populist Movement*

Section 3

**A.** As you read this section, take notes to answer questions about the pressures that made farming increasingly unprofitable.

**In the late 1800s, farmers faced increasing costs and decreasing crop prices.**

<p>1. Why had farming become unprofitable during this period?</p>	<p>2. Why did farmers support bimetallism or "free silver"?</p>
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**In 1892, farmers and farm organizations, such as the Grange, found support in Populism and the People's Party.**

<p>3. What economic reforms did the People's Party call for?</p>	<p>4. What political reforms did the party call for?</p>
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**In 1896, the Populists supported presidential candidate William Jennings Bryan.**

<p>5. What factions did Bryan and the Populists see as opposing forces in the presidential election of 1896?</p>	<p>6. In what ways did the results of the 1896 election confirm this view?</p>
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**B.** On the back of this paper, note who **Mary Elizabeth Lease** and **Oliver Hudson Kelley** were. Then, briefly explain the relationship between **inflation/deflation** and the "**Cross of Gold**" speech.