United States History

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***The Strenuous Life* Reading Questions**

Read the text carefully, mark the text as needed, and answer the following questions (# 1 – 5) using complete sentences. Place your answers on a separate piece of paper.

1. To whom is Teddy Roosevelt making this speech? Be as detailed as you can in your description.
2. What does TR mean by a “strenuous life”?
3. What does TR tell the men of Chicago to teach their sons?
4. What does TR say about the role of women?
5. In paragraph 4, TR connects his idea of the strenuous life for the individual to the life of the country. Accurately summarize that paragraph using your own words and using not more than four (4) sentences.

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**Final Exam Essay Question**

TR’s personality and attitude towards life had a significant impact on his efforts as a Progressive President. Using your knowledge of U.S. History and of his philosophy towards life, describe how his personality and character influenced his actions as president. In your opinion, does he deserve the reputation as one of America’s greatest presidents? Explain your position clearly and use evidence.

*Bring this reading, the answers to the above questions and an outline of your essay to the final; you’ll be able to use these materials as you write the essay*.