

**POLS 4555 RAILROADS AND AMERICAN POLITICS
2011 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. What are the major advantages of shipping heavy freight by railroads as opposed to trucks?**

- 3. How did Andrew Carnegie transform the iron and steel industry?**

- 4. The farmers during the latter half of the 19th Century believed that they were being victimized by high railroad freight rates. Is this true? Explain.**

- 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?**