

VOCABULARY

As you read the text find the equivalents in English of the following words

- aciérie
- produire à la chaîne
- le cours de l'action
- profits records
- multiplier par cinq
- inciter / encourager
- refaçonner / réorganiser
- responsables politiques
- incitations financières / primes
- doubler la mise sur... / mettre les bouchées doubles
- forer / effectuer des forages
- dépasser
- (se rebiffer) / reculer / hésiter fortement / changer d'avis
- se déployer (en éventail)
- qui commence à éclore / qui est en pleine croissance / en plein essor
- se rassembler / se regrouper (en grappe)
- coup de fouet
- réduire petit à petit
- vider / étripier / piller

KEY PHRASES

What do this refer to?

“red states” (l. 11, l. 72) / “old school oil companies” (l. 12) / D.C. (l. 6) / “Capitol-hill” (l. 18) / “battery belt” (l. 64 l. 71) / Affordable Care Act (l. 91)

QUESTIONS

Lignes 1 – 14

1. What is the journalist doing in the first paragraph? What is NUCOR?
2. “money flowing from from federal spending programs” (l.6) What does that refer to? What does ‘federal’ mean here?
3. What does “a transformation of the economy” refer to?

Lignes 15-31

4. Pick all the information you can find about the IRA. What is it? Date? How does it work? etc

Lignes 32-48

5. What has the impact of the IRA been?

GRAMMAR

6. Relevez les formes verbales et expliquez brièvement pourquoi tel ou tel temps est utilisé.
7. Expliquez pourquoi on lit « \$270 billion », « \$130 billion » mais « spend trillions » (l. 41)
8. Traduire le paragraphe de la ligne 36 à la ligne 41 si vous avez le temps.

Lignes 49-55

9. What do “\$400 billion” and “\$1 trillion” refer to? Is it good or bad news?

Lignes 58-67

10. “*What we’re going to do is go out and tell the story*” (l.67) Who is talking? Who is ‘we’? What does it mean? Explain in your own words.

Lignes 68 to the end

11. Explain in your own words the following sentence: “*The cable news airwaves may be relatively quiet about the IRA, yet the trillions in investment catalyzed by it have undoubtedly begun to shape politics in the U.S*” (l. 68-69)
12. Explain in your own words what the following sentence means: “*But beneath the surface the narrative gets more complicated*” (L. 76)

CONCLUSION

13. What sentence extracted from the text do you think best sums it up?