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The Wizard of Oz and the Populist Party

Directions – Each character in the *Wizard of Oz* represents either a person or belief of the Populist Party. Use these clues to identify who or what each character represents in regards to the Populist Party. Be sure to explain your choices!

Character Bank		
William Jennings Bryan	The Gold Standard	The President
Plains Indians	The Common Man	Factory Workers
Big Businesses (Banks)	Washington, DC	The South
Farmers		

1. **Dorothy** – an innocent young girl from Kansas, live with her aunt and uncle on a farm, is thrown into Oz by a terrible tornado. Represents: _____
2. **Scarecrow** – someone Dorothy meets on her way to Oz, he is put on the farm to scare away the crows but can't seem to do his job, is asking the Wizard for a brain. Represents: _____
3. **The Tin Man** – someone Dorothy meets on her way to Oz, he is rusted from working in the rain, is asking the Wizard for a heart. Represents: _____
4. **The Cowardly Lion**: someone Dorothy meets on her way to Oz, he is the outspoken protector of the forest who really does very little because underneath it all he is afraid, is asking the Wizard for courage. Represents: _____
5. **The Yellow Brick Road**: the long, winding road that is supposed to lead Dorothy to the Wizard, it is broken and uneven in spots. Represents: _____
6. **Emerald City** – the green colored city where the Wizard lives, it is where Dorothy must go to be heard so she can get back to Kansas. Represents: _____
7. **The Wizard** – the man who is supposed to be able to make everyone's wishes come true, he seems to be all-knowing and powerful at first, but is shown to be little more than just a man. Represents: _____
8. **The Flying Monkeys** – They did the bidding of the Wicked Witch. Represent: _____
9. **Wicked Witch of the East** – She was crushed to death when Dorothy's house landed on her. Represent: _____
10. **Glinda the Good Witch** – She was the "Good Witch if the South" who helped Dorothy. _____

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Represents: The Common Man/Woman of the US – a simple person from the heartland.

2. **Scarecrow** – someone Dorothy meets on her way to Oz, he is put on the farm to scare away the crows but can't seem to do his job, is asking the Wizard for a brain

Represents: Farmers who are good people but have little education and don't know how they are abused

3. **The Tin Man** – someone Dorothy meets on her way to Oz, he is rusted from working in the rain, is asking the Wizard for a heart

Represents: Factory workers who have worked so hard they lost their souls

4. **The Cowardly Lion**: someone Dorothy meets on her way to Oz, he is the outspoken protector of the forest who really does very little because underneath it all he is afraid, is asking the Wizard for courage

Represents: William Jennings Bryan – populist party candidate for president.

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Represents: The Gold Standard that brought all wealth back to .

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Represents: Washington DC – colored green for the color of money that controls it.

7. **The Wizard** – the man who is supposed to be able to make everyone's wishes come true, he seems to be all-knowing and powerful at first, but is shown to be little more than just a man

Represents: President McKinley who seems all powerful but is just a regular man who tricks people

8. **The Flying Monkeys** – They did the bidding of the Wicked Witch. Represents: Plains Indians who were once free people who lived happily but are now enslaved by the wicked witch.

9. **Wicked Witch of the East** – She was crushed to death when Dorothy's house landed on her: Represents:

Big business and banks that control the people through hoarding gold

10. **Glinda the Good Witch** – She helped Dorothy. Represents: The American South which supported Populism