Teacher's Guide -- Social Issues and Reformers Chart: 1895-1915

Identify and describe the problem	Describe Progressive Reform/Reformers and how they sought to address the problem
African American Rights	W.E.B. Du Bois, Booker T. Washington, NAACP
Abandonment or Abuse of Women	Jane Addams, Florence Kelley, Mother Jones, 18 th Amendment
Child Labor	Jane Addams, Florence Kelley, Mother Jones, Lewis Hine, Keating-Owens Act(unconstitutional), Smith Hughes Act, by 1907 2/3rds of states had abolished child labor (under 14)
Dangerous Working Conditions	Samuel Gompers, AFL/CIO, Department of Labor Jane Addams, Florence Kelley, Mother Jones
Political Corruption (Spoils System/Graft/Political Machines)	Civil Service Commission(Pendleton Civil Service Act), Interstate Commerce Act, Interstate Commerce Commission, Secret Ballot, Referendum, Direct Primary, Initiative, Recall, City Commissioner Plan, City Commissioner Manager, Robert La Follette, 17 th Amendment
Poor/Sanitation (Food Quality/Living Conditions)	Food: Upton Sinclair (<i>The Jungle</i>), Meat Inspection Act, Pure Food and Drug Act Living Conditions: Jacob Riis (<i>How the Other Half Lives</i>), Tenement House Commission (New York), Dumbbell Tenement (ineffective), 1901 Tenement House Act (New Yorkimproved light, air and water in tenements) Poor/Social Services: Social Gospel/Settlement House Movement, Jane Adams (Chicago Hull House), Women's Christian Temperance Union, Purity Crusaders, 18 th Amendment

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Trusts/Economic Concentration	Sherman Anti-Trust Act, Clayton Anti-Trust Act, Federal Trade Act, Ida Tarbell (<i>History of Standard Oil Company</i>), Interstate Commerce Act, Interstate Commerce Commission
Women's Rights (Voting)	19th Amendment, Carrie Chapman Catt, Alice Paul, NAWSA, Congressional Union, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Candy Stanton

<u>Reforming Government</u>_Local/State Government

	City Reforms	Problems Sought to Address
City Commissioner Plan	Cities hired experts in different fields to run a single aspect of city government. For example, the sanitation commissioner would be in charge of garbage and sewage removal.	Spoils System/Graft/Political Machines
City Manager Plan	A professional city manager is hired to run each department of the city and report directly to the city council.	Spoils System/Graft/Political Machines

State Government

Democratic Reform	Description	Problems Sought to Address
Secret Ballot	Privacy at the ballot box ensures that citizens can cast votes without party bosses knowing how they voted.	Graft/Political Machines/Privacy

Initiative	Allows voters to petition state legislatures in order to consider a bill desired by citizens.	Political Machines/Voice of the People
Referendum	Allows voters to decide if a bill or proposed amendment should be passed.	Political Machines/Govt. Corruption/Voice of the People
Recall	Allows voters to petition to have an elected representative removed from office.	Political Machines/Govt. Corruption/Voice of the People
Direct Primary	Ensures that voters select candidates to run for office, rather than party bosses.	Political Machines/Govt. Corruption/Graft

Federal Government Reforms

Constitutional Amendment	Description	Problems Sought to Address
16 th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution (1913)	Allowed Congress to levy an income tax.	Previously the govt. had relied on tariffs to raise money. With an income tax, the govt. could (in theory) lower tariff rates. **See me for extra credit on this amendment.
17 th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution (1913)	Provided for the direct election of Senators	Corruption in govt/voice of the people

18 th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution (1919)	Prohibited the sale and production of liquor (Repealed in 1933)	Moral decline of society/abuse of women
19 th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution (1920)	Granted women full suffrage (voting rights)	Voice of the people, lack of equality

Student Notes: Progressive Era Federal Regulation

Federal Legislation	Description of Act	Problem It Sought to Address
Newlands Reclamation Act (1902)	Encouraged conservation by allowing the building of dams and irrigations systems using money from the sale of public lands.	Conservation; lack of water western lands for farmers.
Elkins Act (1903)	Outlawed the use of rebates by railroad officials or shippers.	Corruption business/RR companies
Pure Food and Drug Act (1906/1911)	Required that companies accurately label the ingredients contained in processed food items; banned interstate shipping of impure foods	Health/sanitation

Meat Inspection Act (1906)	In direct response to Upton Sinclair's <i>The Jungle</i> , this law required that meat processing plants be inspected to ensure the use of good meat and health-minded procedures.	Health/sanitation
Hepburn Act (1906)	Strengthened the Interstate Commerce Commission, allowing it to set maximum railroad rates.	Corruption in business/RR companies
Federal Reserve Act (1913)	Created 12 district Federal Reserve Banks, each able to issue new currency and loan member banks funds at the prime interest rate, as established by the Federal Reserve Board.	Bank failures/money supply and flexibility of moneyThe FRS allowed for the ability to control the money supply thus maintaining the stability of America's financial system
Clayton Antitrust Act (1914)	Strengthened the Sherman Antitrust Act by outlawing the creation of a monopoly through any means, and stated that unions were not subject to antitrust legislation.	Trusts/monopolies
Federal Trade Act/Commission (1914)	Established the Federal Trade Commission, charged with investigating unfair business practices including monopolistic activity and inaccurate product labeling.	Corruption in business/trusts/monopolies