

The Daily Muckraker- 2018 Edition



Purpose: To research the significance of the actions taken by the government and by average American citizens during the Progressive Era. Then we must evaluate whether or not the time period (1901-1920) deserves its name.

Due Date: March 6th

Context: You are all journalists writing for the nationally distributed newspaper called “The Daily Muckraker”. The year is 1920 and some of our political leaders have been referring to the previous score as the Progressive Era. Your editor has assigned all of you to the case to research the domestic changes of the last twenty (20) years and to determine whether or not the politicians have a point.

Tasks: Choose a topic and describe the leaders and the changes that have taken place.

- Write a newspaper article or an editorial on your topic (Approximately 500 words) – **30 points**- see questions below
- Share your article with the class

Questions to Address in the Article

- What did the person, government action, event do?
- How did it address a social, economic and/or political problem?
- How did the topic of your article improve the United States?
- What would critics say about your topic?– You can’t make everyone happy ☹
- Relate your topic to another Progressive Era event
- Explain why this time period is called the Progressive Era

Project must also include

- Find or create a visual and a headline for your article. **5 points**
- Use a quote from a historical figure in your article. **5 points**
- A document that your article refers to but is not necessarily based upon. **5 points**
- Typed (Times New Roman 12 Font). Paperless?- Turn in via email **5 points**

Topics and People

Immigration- Immigration Restriction League, Settlement Houses, Jane Addams

Influential Authors- Jacob Riis, Frank Norris, Ida Tarbell, Upton Sinclair, Lincoln Steffans, Lewis Hine

Race Relations- Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. DuBois, Marcus Garvey, Ida B Wells

Environmental Conservation- Newlands Reclamation Act, Antiquities Act, John Muir, Forest Preserves, “Teddy” Bears

Political Leaders- Eugene V Debs, William Taft, “Battling” Bob La Follette, Woodrow Wilson, Theodore Roosevelt

Improving Working Conditions- The Jungle, The Triangle Shirtwaist Fire, Muller v. Oregon, Lochner v. New York, The coal miners’ strike of 1902

Expanding Democracy- Initiative, Referendum, Recall, Secret Ballot, NAWSA, Alice Paul, the 19th Amendment, the 17th Amendment

Temperance- Eugene Chaffin, The Prohibition Party, the 18th Amendment, The Volstead Act

Supreme Court Cases- Northern Securities Court Case, Lochner v New York, Muller v. Oregon, Standard Oil Company of New Jersey v. United States

Election of 1912- New Nationalism, New Freedom, Bull Moose (Progressive Party), Role of minor parties, Results

Legislative Actions- Elkins Act, Meat Inspection Act, Pure Food and Drug Act, Hepburn Act, Clayton Anti-Trust Act,

Government Additions- The Commerce Department, The Federal Reserve Act, The Federal Trade Commission, the 16th Amendment