

Muckraker Project

Overview: You are going to focus on one issue in United States society that Progressives sought to reform. You will research that issue and then create a piece of “muckraker” journalism highlighting the problems and the need for reform.

Your project will have two parts:

- 1. Essential information:** After you research your topic, you will give a brief overview of what happened to this issue during the Progressive Era.
 - a. Answer ALL of the following questions in approximately one paragraph each:
 1. What was the issue, and how was it exposed?
 2. Who were main people/groups involved in addressing the issue? How did they address it? What were their goals?
 3. What were the effects of this progressive movement? (Was the issue resolved? Are the reforms still in effect today? If not, when and why they were undone?)
 - b. You do not need in-text citations for this. You should paraphrase what you are researching *in your own words* and include a bibliography page at the end.

- 2. Muckraker-style journalism:** Using research, create a piece of journalism exposing a progressive-era issue. (This is in the voice of someone living *during the Progressive Era.*)

a. For this, choose ONE of the following options:

| <u>Option 1:</u> Write one long newspaper article (5-6 paragraphs) | <u>Option 2:</u> Create a political cartoon AND write one short newspaper article (2-3 paragraphs) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will research your issue and write one long newspaper article that is 5-6 paragraphs • You will write this from the perspective of someone living during the Progressive Era • You are seeking to <i>expose the horrors of an issue</i>, and you should utilize tone and narrative similar to Upton Sinclair • You will turn this into an actual newspaper using a Google, Microsoft, or Canva template <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ You will need a <u>title of the newspaper</u>, a <u>title of the article</u>, and <u>one picture</u> to support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will research your issue and create a political cartoon (https://www.britannica.com/topic/political-cartoon) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ You must have a specific <u>perspective</u> present in the cartoon ○ Your cartoon must be <u>colored</u>, take up <u>at least one half page</u>, and have a <u>title</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ You can hand draw your cartoon, or use cartoon software online • You will research your issue and write one short newspaper article that is 2-3 paragraphs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ You will write this from the perspective of someone living during the Progressive Era ○ You will turn this into an actual newspaper using a Google, Microsoft, or Canva template <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ You will need a <u>title of the newspaper</u> and a <u>title of the article</u> |

Muckraking and The Progressive Era

Directions: Fill in your own topic first. Then, mingle and meet three other muckrackers! Ask them about their Progressive movement, and answer each question.

| Issue | Key Terms | Describe the issue in one sentence. | What ideas did Progressives have to solve the issue? | What were the effects of the Progressive movement? |
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| Public Health and Sanitation | Upton Sinclair <i>The Jungle</i> Meat Inspection Act Pure Food and Drug Act | There were no laws regulating the food/drug industry, resulting in unclean and unsafe conditions for consumers (and workers). | Gov. should be allowed to regular food/drug producers, etc. to protect consumers | Meat Inspection Act (1906) Pure Food and Drug Act (1906) - created the FDA to regulate food and drug industries |
| Woman Suffrage | Elizabeth Cady Stanton Susan B. Anthony 19th Amendment | | | |
| Child Labor | | | | |
| Workplace Safety | Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire | | | |

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| Prohibition | Woman's Christian Temperance Union | | | |
| Environmental Conservation | John Muir | | | |
| Corruption in Big Business | Ida B Tarbell Standard Oil | | | |
| African American rights | NAACP W.E.B. Du Bois Booker T. Washington | | | |
| The Urban Poor | Jacob Riis | | | |

