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Progressive Era Activity

Imagine: The year is 1900. You have decided to make a list of all of the good things in your life, community, state, America and the world. You can’t, however, forget all of the negatives, so while you are making a list of all of the positives, you list beside that everything that is wrong/could improve in the world at that time.

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| Positive | Negative |
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1: Social Welfare Reform

1. What was the Social Gospel? How was it used in the Progressive Era?
2. Salvation Army-
3. What did Jacob Riis do as a progressive journalist?

2: Jacob Riis Photography

1. What do Riis’s images reveal?
2. Which image do you think might have been more impactful to views at the time? Why?

3: Moral Reform

1. What was the issue that many Progressives had with alcohol?
2. How did the WCTU (Women’s Christian Temperance Union) and the Anti-Saloon League work to bring about the prohibition of alcohol?
3. Who was Carrie Nation?

How did she impact the prohibition movement?

1. 18th Amendment-

4: Prohibition Images

1. How is image 1 attempting to persuade the viewer that alcohol consumption is wrong?
2. What are the women in image 2 doing? Why?
3. How persuasive is image 3 to getting men to vote in favor of prohibition? Why?

5: Economic Reform

1. Muckrakers-
2. What did Lincoln Steffens expose in his articles?
3. Why is Ida Tarbell significant?
4. What modern journalists would you say are “muckrakers”? Why/what did they expose?

6: Worker Reform

1. How did Florence Kelley work to improve factory working conditions?
2. What occurred that provided her and the National Consumers League with a valid argument to convince politicians to pass safety laws?
3. Describe working conditions for children.
4. NCLC-

7: Lewis Hine Images

1. Based on the images, what were some of the jobs that children were active in?
2. Which image strikes you the most? Why?

8: Political Reform

1. What was Governor Robert La Follette famous for?
2. What did Governor James J. Hogg do as a Progressive?
3. 17th Amendment-

9: Women’s Rights

1. How did the women’s rights movement start?
2. What was the first state to grant women’s suffrage?
3. When did Colorado grant it?
4. Why do you think there is such a large gap between the first two states passing the legislation and then others in the 1890s?

Today:

1. What aspects of today’s society do you feel need to be reformed?