

# 1 **The Progressive Era**

1877-1920

## 2 **The Progressive Movement**

- How did Progressives fight corruption in business and government?

## 3

- Political Machines
  - "Boss"- Wm M. Tweed/Thomas Nast
  - Spoils System and the Pendleton Civil Service Act
- Controlling Business
  - Sherman Anti-Trust Act
  - Interstate Commerce Act
    - RR's must charge reasonable and just rates
  - Tariffs- higher tariffs=higher prices
    - Goal to protect U.S. businesses
    - Cleveland supports lower tariffs=lower prices

## 4 **Reformers/People**

- Reformers
  - Eugene V. Debs
    - Socialist- Govt should own important services
    - Lost Presidential race 5x
  - Prog. want govt to regulate, not take over
- Muckrakers
  - Investigative journalists
    - Tarbell- Oil industry
    - Sinclair- Food
    - LaFollette- Electoral Sys.

## 5 **Results of Muckrakers/Reformers**

- Increased public pressure for govt oversight
- Meat Inspection Act
- Pure Food and Drug Act
- Wisconsin- Direct Primary
- Oregon- initiative, referendum, recall
- 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment- 1913
  - Direct vote for senators

## 6 **Women and Progressives**

- How did reforms affect the lives of women and other groups in the late 1800's?

## 7 **Women's Role Changes**

**Tell the person next to you how women's lives changed as more moved into cities and inventions made daily life easier.**

- Jane Addams- Hull House
- Mother Cabrini- helps poor
- Mary Church Terrell
  - National Assoc of Colored Women

8  **Women's Suffrage**

- 1870- 15<sup>th</sup> Amend.: Suffrage for all men
- 1890- Shaw and Catt
  - National American Woman Suffrage Assoc.
- 1920- 19<sup>th</sup> Amend- Women's Suffrage

Discuss with your neighbor:

Why would some people be opposed to women's voting rights?

9  **Social Reforms driven by Women**

What are some ways that middle class women improved society?

- Women's Trade Union League
- Women's Christian Temperance Union
  - Francis Willard- public education
  - Carrie Nation- Axe Lady!
- 18<sup>th</sup> Amend- Prohibition- 1919

10  **Progressive Presidents**

- Why were Theodore Roosevelt and William H. Taft known as Progressive presidents?

11  **Teddy Roosevelt**

- McKinley assassinated
- 1901 President
- Trustbuster
  - Railroads, meat, oil, tobacco
- Labor conflict- Coal Strike
  - Winter forced action
  - Arbitration, not troops
- Square Deal
  - Fair/equal treatment for all
- Laissez Faire
  - Hands off economic policy
- Conservation Efforts

12  **William H. Taft**

- Follows TR policies
  - Anti-trust suits- worker safety
- 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment
  - Personal income tax
- Challenged by TR
  - Republican Party
  - Taft nominated by party
- TR runs on Progressive party
- Wilson wins 1912 election
  - Republican vote split- TR and WT
  - Wm. Taft Speech

13  **Woodrow Wilson**

- 1912 Election
- Progressive reformer

- Democrat
- “New Freedom”
  - Anti-govt/big business
- Federal Reserve Act
  - 12 Regional Banks
- Fed Trade Commission
- Clayton Anti-Trust Act
- Woodrow Wilson Speech

14  **Excluded from Reform**

- How did minority groups react to discrimination?

15  **Anti.....anything not White/Protestant?**

- KKK video clip
- Booker T. Washington
  - African Americans gain status by contributing to society with skills
  - Tuskegee Institute
- W.E.B. Dubois
  - 1<sup>st</sup> African American to earn Harvard Doctorate
  - NAACP
- Ida B. Wells- anti-lynching crusade
- Mexican, Indian, Jewish, Catholic, etc. targeted