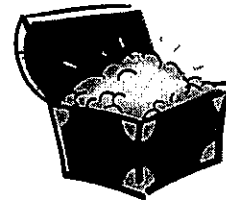
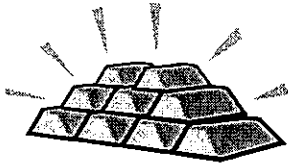


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# The Gilded Age

1870's - 1890's



**Gilded - coated with a thin layer of gold paint**  
**- falseness beneath surface glitter**

**Gilded Age:** Nick-named by Mark Twain

- Poked fun at the era's greed & political corruption
- Americans feared Bankers, Industrialists, & other wealthy men were controlling politics at the expense of the people.

## Problems

### 1) Patronage -

Spoils System - Giving Gov. Jobs to Loyal supporters

Led to:

### Problems

- Led to corruption
- Office holders stole public \$
- Some people had no skills for the Job

## **Solution**

Pendleton Act: Created the Civil Service Commission (1883)

Civil Service Commission:

- Responsible for filling Gov. Jobs on the basis of merit.
- Conducted Exams
- People who earned the highest score earned the job

# Progressive Era

## Corruption

### Spoils System:

Gave Gov. Jobs to loyal supporters = Rewards

Led to corruption

### Boss Rule:

Boss = Powerful people/politicians

- Ruled cities
- Controlled jobs, demanded payoffs from business
- Popular with the poor:

- Provided jobs
- Loaned \$
- Gave extra coal in winter
- Gave turkeys for Thanksgiving
- Organized dances

Imm. would vote for the Boss or the Politician that the Boss supported

### Early Reforms

Boss Tweed – cheated NY out of \$100 Million

Thomas Nast = Political cartoonist showed the corruption of Tweed

Civil Service Commission:	Interstate Commerce Commission:	Sherman Antitrust Act:
<p>-Responsible for filling Gov. Jobs</p> <p>-Set up exams for Jobs</p> <p>**Idea of Pres. Garfield Pendleton Civil Service Act Signed into law by President Arthur</p>	<p>Outlawed unfair business practices = Pools &amp; Rebates</p> <p>Set up the Interstate Commerce Commission(ICC)</p> <p>ICC – Set up to oversee RR's</p>	<p>-Outlawed Trusts &amp; Monopolies</p> <p>-Very Weak</p>

# Progressive Era

## Muckrakers

Journalists = exposed dirt & corruption to the public

- Jacob Riis: How the Other Half Lives  
-Photographed slums & poor living conditions

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- Lincoln Steffens: The Shame of the Cities – uncovered Bribes & payoffs in the St. Louis Gov.

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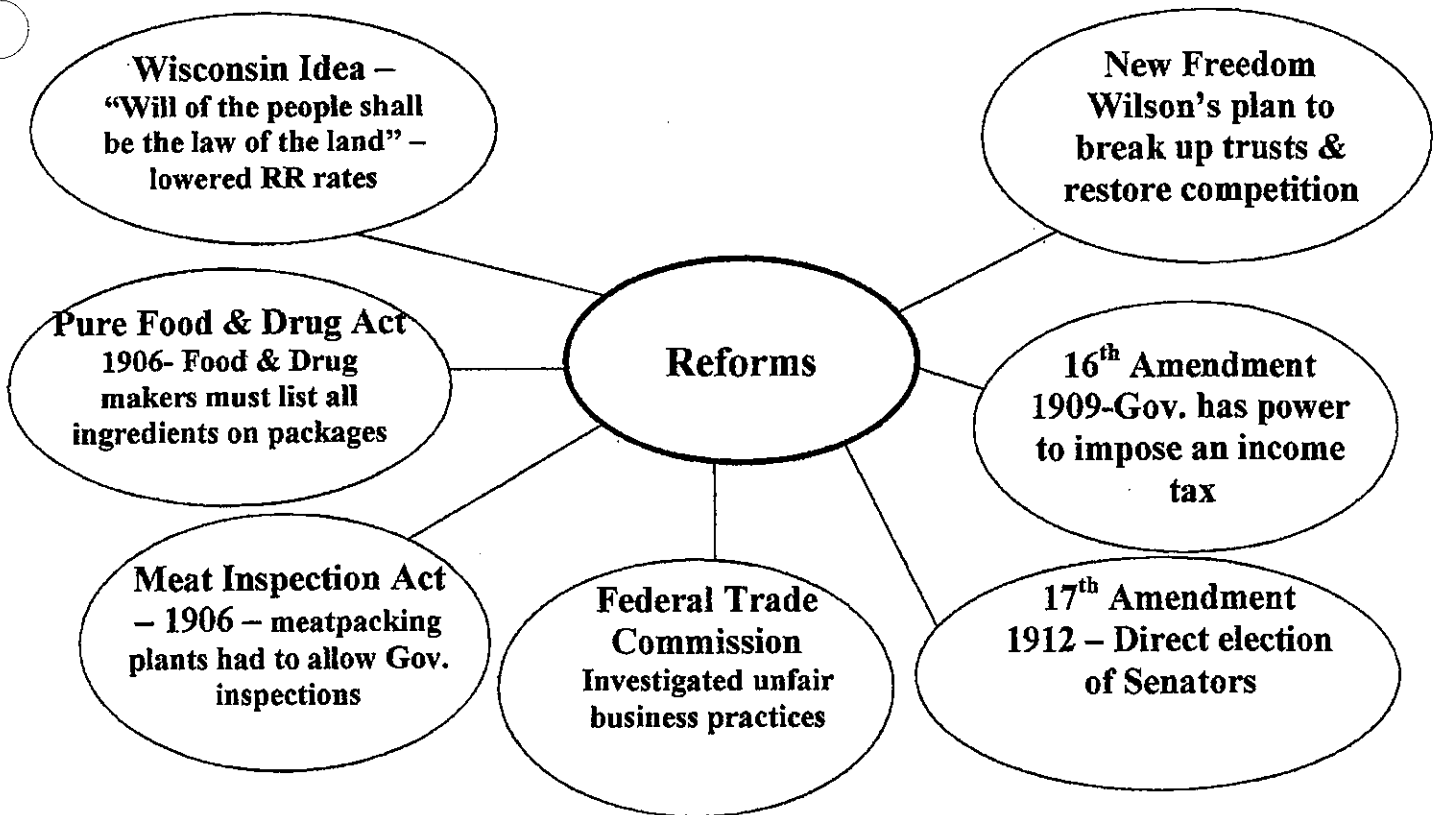
- Ida Tarbell: History of Standard Oil = Targeted Big Business – Unfair business practices of Standard Oil

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- Upton Sinclair: The Jungle – Uncovered the horrors of the meatpacking companies – people wanted increased Meat Inspection

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## Impact – Progressive Reforms



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## Presidents of the Progressive Era

**Directions:** Using your textbook, pages 638-643, fill in the appropriate information for each president.

	Roosevelt	Taft	Wilson
Political Party:	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Democrat</b>
Term as President:	<b>1901-1909</b>	<b>1909-1913</b>	<b>1913-1921</b>
Background Info:	<b>Assemblyman in Albany</b> <b>NY City Police Commissioner</b> <b>1896-Asst. Sec. Of Navy</b> <b>Led Rough Riders</b> <b>1898-Gov. of NY</b> <b>1900- V.P.</b> <b>1901-President</b>	<b>Quiet &amp; Cautious</b> <b>Feared Power</b> <b>Sec. Of War</b>	<b>President of Princeton Univ.</b> <b>Gov. of NJ</b> <b>**Able to win Pres.</b> <b>Because Taft &amp; TR split the Republican Vote</b>
Reforms:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Broke up Bad Trusts (Standard Oil, American Tobacco)</li> <li>-Supported Coal Miners on strike in 1902</li> <li>-Square Deal- everyone should have equal opportunity to succeed</li> <li>-Hepburn Act – 1906- gave ICC power to set RR rates</li> <li>-Elkins Act-1903- outlawed rebates</li> <li>-Meat Inspection Act</li> <li>-Pure Food &amp; Drug Act</li> <li>-Conservation –preserve the environment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued Trust-busting</li> <li>-Approved safety laws for mines</li> <li>-8hr. workday for Gov. workers</li> <li>-Set up an office to deal with child labor</li> <li>-Lost support of Progressives when he signed a high Tariff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Freedom – increase competition between businesses – break up trusts</li> <li>Federal Reserve Act – regulated banking</li> <li>Federal Trade Commission</li> <li>Clayton Antitrust Act – Barred anti-trust laws from being used against Unions</li> </ul>

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# Equality & Justice

## African Americans

### Booker T. Washington

#### Up From Slavery

- Born a slave, taught himself how to read
- Founded the Tuskegee Institute
- Accepted Segregation (Live in harmony with Whites) – learn trades, earn \$, then insist on equality

### W.E.B. Du Bois

- Racial Harmony was impossible while whites were discriminating against blacks
- 1<sup>st</sup> Af. Amer. To get a Ph.D. from Harvard
- Urged people to fight discrimination

NAACP: National Association for the Advancement of Colored People  
 -Gain Equal Rights for Af. Amer.

## Native Americans

### The Dawes Act:

- gave N.A. 160 acre plots on reservation land
- N.A. were expected to become farmers
- Many were cheated out of their land

Society of American Indians – worked for social justice & tried to educate Amer. About N.A.

## Asian Americans

### The Gentlemen's Agreement:

1907 – Japan would limit # of Japanese coming to the U.S. if the U.S. would allow the wives of Japanese men already here to come over

Chinese Exclusion Act - 1882

## Mexican Americans

1910 – Revolution in Mexico

-unskilled work – worked in fields, highways, irrigation ditches