

Ch22 Topics to Review

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- **Spoils System (Patronage)** practice of rewarding supporters with government jobs – led to corruption
- **Boss Rule** – Political Bosses (controlled the cities) popular with the poor because they provided jobs, loans, and gave them things - **Boss Tweed** Corrupt NY politician – stole \$100million from NYC , **Thomas Nast** newspaper writer who exposes Tweed's corruption
- **Early Reforms – Civil Service Commission** Gov. agency created by the Pendleton Act to fill Federal jobs on the basis of merit to try and end the spoils system, **gave exams for gov. jobs**
- **ICC** Interstate Commerce Commission, oversees (regulate) railroads,
- **Sherman Antitrust Act** – Banned the formation of trusts and monopolies - Prohibited businesses from trying to limit or destroy competition
- **Muckrakers** – someone who exposes corruption (Ida Tarbell, Upton Sinclair, Lincoln Steffens, Jacob Riis)
- **Lincoln Steffens** Uncovered bribes and payoffs in the city Governments.
- **Upton Sinclair** Uncovered the horrors of the meat packing companies. People wanted an increase in meat inspection. Wrote The Jungle – led to the Meat Inspection Act (1906)
- **Jacob Riis** Photographed the slums and poor living conditions.
- **Ida Tarbell** Targeted big business. Focused on the unfair practices of Standard Oil (Rockefeller)
- **Progressives** wanted to improve the American way of life (public interest – for the good of the people)
- **Wisconsin Idea** series of progressive reforms introduced by Wisconsin governor Robert LaFollette
- **Primary**, voters chose their party's candidate for the government election
- **Referendum** allowed voters to vote directly on a bill
- **Initiative** process by which voters can put a bill directly before the state legislature
- **Recall** allows the people to remove a politician from office

- **16th Amendment**, income tax
- **17th Amendment** direct election of senators,
- **18th Amendment**, prohibition
- **19th Amendment**, guaranteed women the right to vote
- **Roosevelt – trust-busting – broke up “Bad” trusts: trusts that raised rates and exploited customers. Left “Good” trusts alone: trusts that provided good services at reasonable rates, Northern Securities – first trust broken up by TR, reforms (look at Progressive President Graphic Organizer)**
- **Wilson – New Freedom**, to break up trusts & restore economic competition
- **Federal Trade Commission**, Gov. agency to ensure fair competition among businesses
- **Federal Reserve Act** act which set up a system of banks controlled by government-passed by Wilson
- **Booker T. Washington**, accept segregation
- **W.E.B. DuBois**, reject segregation
- **NAACP** gain equal right for Americans
- **Native Americans – The Dawes Act** tried to make Native Americans into farmers (this was a failure)
- **Japanese – Gentlemen’s Agreement** no more Japanese will enter the U.S.; those wives of the men already in the U.S. will be allowed to enter the U.S.
- **Women’s Suffrage** women’s right to vote