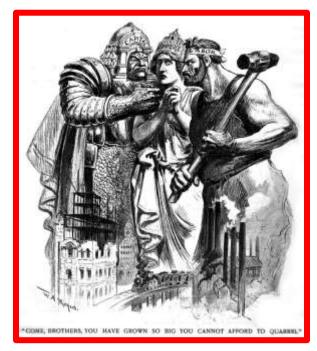
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# Reviewing the Populists and Analyzing Progressives 1865-1920

Since this unit began before the holiday break, it is important to go back and review some of the Gilded Age and Populist themes and events that were the roots to the Progressive Era.

(Political cartoon at left shows Capital, Commerce, and Labor with a caption saying, "Come brothers (Commerce speaking to Capital and Labor), you have grown so big you cannot afford to quarrel").

#### **Learning Goals:**

Evaluate the changing role of government along with the contributions of progressive citizens illustrated by political, economic, and social reforms at the local, state, and federal levels.

Analyze the extent to which the Progressive Era was actually *progressive*.

NOTE: The first part of this guide includes a video and notes for review. Afterwards, you will move into the Progressive Era Material.

- 1. Watch this video: http://nroc.mpls.k12.mn.us/US%20History%20II/course%20files/multimedia/lesson51/lessonp\_nroc\_nonap.html
- 2. Review the Grange and how it connects to the Populists by using the notes that accompany the video: http://nroc.mpls.k12.mn.us/US%20History%20II/course%20files/multimedia/lesson51/I51 t01.htm

### Review the main components of the Grange by analyzing the image.

Concerned with both formal and informal education, Grangers supported both private and public schools and advocated education from elementary level through higher education.

Grangers also encouraged members and their families to read newspapers and hold literary hours after meetings.

The Grange was a secret society with passwords, secret signals, and rituals to celebrate member initiations and advancements. Guards monitored the door during meetings and only admitted members. Although the society targeted farmers and their families, lawyers, businessmen, and politicians were eventually accepted into the fold.

Oliver Hudson, known as the "Father of the Grange," was an employee of the United States Department of Agriculture. His primary



- 3. Re-read chapter 19, pp 380-390, and then complete the review by answering the questions in the spaces provided. You may also have to reference chapters 16-18 for main ideas from Period 6.
  - a. Identify and explain political, economic, and social consequences of closing the frontier.
     Highlight cues and analyze the significance of the events by answering the questions in the spaces provided.

A striking manifestation of rural discontent came through the	Was the Farmer's Alliance successful? Why or why not?
Farmers' Alliance, founded in Texas in the late 1870s. Farmers	
came together in the alliance to socialize, but more importantly to	
break the strangling grip of the railroads and manufacturers	
through cooperative buying and selling. Unfortunately, the	
alliance weakened itself by ignoring the plight of landless tenant	
farmers, sharecroppers, and farm workers. Even more	
debilitating was the Alliance's exclusion of blacks, who counted	
for more than half of the agricultural population of the South.	
Out of the Farmer's Alliance a new political party emerged in the	How "individualistic" were the Populists? Explain your reasoning.
early 1890s – the People's party. Better known as the Populists,	
these frustrated farmers attacked Wall Street and the "money	
trust." They called for nationalizing railroads, telephones, and	
telegraphs; instituting a graduated income tax; and creating a	
new federal "sub treasury" – a scheme to provide farmers with	
loans for crops stored in government-owned warehouses, where	
they could be held until market prices rose. They also wanted the	
free and unlimited coinage of silver – yet another of the debtors'	
demands for inflation that echoed continuously throughout the	
Gilded Age.	
	What was the impact of this growing conflict between farmers and business on
Mary Elizabeth Lease was nicknamed "the Kansas Pythoness"	American society.
and "Mary Yellin'." She was an athletically built woman who made	
approximately 160 speeches in 1890 criticizing aristocracy, a	
government "of Wall Street, by Wall Street, and for Wall Street."	

b. How did the central government react to the changes of the Gilded Age?
 Highlight cues and analyze the significance of the events by answering the questions in the spaces provided.

In the Pullman Strike (1894), The Pullman	How did the government react to the Pullman Strike?
Palace Car Company was hit by the	
Depression and thus cut wages by about	How does this event characterize government?
one third. The workers struck and	
paralyzed railway traffic from Chicago to	
the Pacific Coast.	
Marcus Alonzo Hanna made his fortune in	How is the role of government changing in the 1890s?
the iron business and later devoted his	
time and money into campaigning for	
future president William McKinley. Hanna	
believed that the core function of a	
government was to help business.	
William Jennings Bryan, an orator from	Explain the message in the Cross of Gold speech. To what extent was this message a result of the
Nebraska, won the Democratic	plight of Westerners?
nomination for President in 1896 following	
his "Cross of Gold" speech. He was	
given the nickname "Boy Orator of the	
Platte" by a skeptic. He ran against	Why did Bryan lose?
William McKinley for the White House. It	
resulted in a McKinley win, starting an era	
of Republican rule for the next 16years.	
Jacob Coxey led a march on Washington	How did President Cleveland react to Coxey?
to demand unemployment aid from the	
government through inflation. (Coxey's	How does this event characterize government?
Army)	-

c. Analyze the impact panic and depression had on the nation, and assess the success of government response to the economic downturn.

a. impact on farmers

b.

# The Panic Of 1893-Financial World

VEN BEFORE CLEVELAND TAKES OFFICE AN ECONOMIC crisis is seen to be brewing. Ten days before the inauguration, the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad files bankruptcy proceedings. Later, prices of grain, cotton, steel,

and timber fall steadily, while the stock market fluctuates wildly. Many financiers, including August Belmont, J.P. Morgan and Henry Villard, warn Cleveland that a panic is nearing, and add their pressure to get a repeal of the Sherman Silver Purchase Act of 1890, which they blame for the

c. Impact on business

Impact on workers

The chief fear among Eastern financiers and businessmen is that in a panic the United States could easily be forced off the gold standard. Early in May the panic begins. More railroads go broke; many of the great financial trusts begin to collapse; European banks begin selling their American stocks and bonds, and a huge run on banks ensues, until more than 500 Banks have failed. A vigorous battle begins, with the goal of repealing the Sherman Act. Forces for and against repeal are lined up geographically: the West and South favor retention of the act, and the East favors immediate repeal. Despite the repeal of the act in October, the deepening depression is becoming worldwide, and is wiping out prosperity in all sections of the economy.

d. Success of gov't responses?

-repeal of Silver Purchase Act?

The Financial World

-borrowing from J.P. Morgan?

The events of the past week will pass into Wall Street history as the "industrial panic." As a panic it was the worst since 1873, and the full force of it fell on the industrial stocks. It fell upon them because the speculation was concentrated in that group, and it did not touch the railroad shares with any severity because so little has been doing in them as compared with the industrials. One railroad stock there had been an inflated speculation in, and it suffered as much as the industrials, Manhattan. The time of extreme stress lasted over three days. It reached its most acute stage on Friday morning, when for nearly two hours it seemed as if the whole Street would go down in a crash of bankruptcy similar to 1873.

-military troops sent to end Pullman Strike?

By noon the worst was over; by the afternoon there had been a rebound of prices almost as great as the morning fall: and three o'clock struck the excited throngs of brokers on the floor of the Exchange gave vent to a wild cheer, thankful that the trying day was over. Yesterday the market was feverish and from feverishness it is likely to quiet down into a weak dullness, like a patient who has been exhausted by violent spasms. It is unnecessary to note here the extreme declines, or the rapid recoveries in prices. They have already been set forth minutely and at length. But it may be said that to see the like, one must go back twenty years: and in those days it was all railroad stocks. There were no others to speculate in.

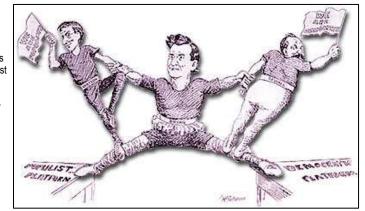
-government arresting Coxey's army?

The fact that they were railroad stocks, and not industrials, did not secure them against the effects of excessive speculation; neither because this panic, of 1893, has taken place in the industrials, does it follow that industrial stocks are of less value than railroad stocks. When a period of financial or commercial stress comes upon us, whatever speculation has been the most active in suffers the most in the general collapse.

#### d. Analyze the significance of he election of 1896.

Caption for cartoon from Chicago Tribune, 1896:
A great exhibition, but rather trying on the man in the middle." William Jennings Bryan is shown pulled in two directions as he campaigns on both the Democratic and the Populist Party platforms.

What did the Democratic Party and the candidate, William Jennings Bryan, seek? Why did they lose?



### IF YOU COMPLETED THE CHAPTER 19 READING GUIDE... THIS PAGE WAS INCLUDED IN THAT GUIDE!

e. The Gold Standard Highlight cues as you read and review! Seriously... highlight them! (You can use crayons, markers highlighters or blood, (as long as its your own)!

During the nineteenth century, U.S. currency was backed by both gold and silver—in other words, a dollar in silver, nickel, or copper coins or in paper money was guaranteed by the government to be convertible into a dollar's worth of either metal. As a result of this "bimetallic standard," the valuation of U.S. currency fluctuated wildly. Because the value of the two metals on the open market was constantly changing, speculators were able to turn a profit by selling their coins for more than their face value when the value of the metal exceeded its denomination. When the government flooded the market with silver coins, the price of silver dropped, citizens traded in their silver coins for gold, and federal gold reserves were exhausted. At the same time, prices of wholesale and retail goods saw a steady decline from the end of the Civil War through the 1890s, sending farmers and other providers of goods, whose fixed debts did not decline, into crisis. This chronic monetary instability was a large factor in the 1896 election of President William McKinley, who ran on a platform that included a change to a gold standard. In 1900 McKinley signed the Gold Standard Act, making gold reserves the basis of the monetary system. The gold standard remained in effect until 1933, when the economic pressures of the Great Depression—including gold-hoarding by a panicked citizenry—led the United States to abandon it, and legislation was passed that allowed the Federal Reserve to expand the supply of paper money irrespective of gold reserves.

# END OF REVEW PORTION OF GUIDE... NOW ON TO CHAPTER 21 AMSCO The PROGRESSIVES!!!

4. From Populists to Progressives... (Periods 6 & 7)... Read pp 431-433

**Key Concept --**The continued growth and **consolidation of large corporations** transformed American society and the nation's economy, promoting **urbanization** and **economic growth**, even as **business cycle fluctuations** became increasingly severe.

Answer the following questions by reviewing main events, defining terms, and analyzing significance in the spaces provided. Highlight Cues.

Question: Identify the events that led to the Progressive Era, and explain who the Progressives actually were.

Answer/Main Events/Ideas	Definitions/Explanations – Your Notes	Analysis
The cause of the Progressive movement originated mainly in the radical changes in American society during the Gilded Age. As farmers and workers responded to these changes, states began	Granger Laws	To what extent did the Progressive Movement (Era) begin prior to Theodore Roosevelt becoming President in 1901? Defend your answer with one specific piece of evident.
reforming and eventually the federal government began addressing some issues. As cities grew, more individuals also tried to solve new problems.	ICC	
a. Granger Laws b. ICC c. Populist Party d. Jane Addams	Populist Party	
	Jane Addams	Identify the event that ushered in the Progressive Era :
		What event ushered it out?

# **Question: Explain the Progressive philosophy.**

Answer/Main Events/Ideas	Definitions/Explanations	Analysis
Although waves of reform had swept the nation before, the 20th century Progressive Movement was unique in that is shifted away from prior philosophies.	Philosophies before and during the Progressive Era:  Adam Smith, The Wealth of Nations, 1776	Compare and Contrast the Jackson era reform philosophies with the Progressive Era philosophies of reform. Identify one specific similarity and one specific difference.
a. Adam Smith, The Wealth of Nations, 1776 b. Transcendentalism,	Transcendentalism, early 1800s	
early 1800s c. Charles Darwin, <i>Origin</i> of Species, 1859	Charles Darwin, Origin of Species, 1859	
d. William James & John Dewey, late 19th century	William James & John Dewey, late 19th century	

# 5. Read pp 434-443

Question: Identify and explain significant politicians within the Progressive reform movement and analyze the extent to which each successfully accomplished their goals.

Answer/Main Events/Ideas	Definitions/Explanations	Analysis
The main goals of progressive reformers were to limit the power	Goals/Strategies	Compare the goals of these progressives with the goals of Walter Rauschenbusch
of big business, increase democracy among citizens, and increase social justice. There were many diverse groups and individuals that participated in this wave of reform, but not all were successful in achieving their aims.	Teddy Roosevelt	& the Social Gospel Movement.
a. The Progressive Presidents: Teddy, Taft, & Wilson		
b. William Jennings Bryan c. Robert La Follette		
	Taft	
FYI-There were also many progressives that were not politicians.		To what extent was each politician successful in reforming the nation? Defend each answer with one specific example.
		Teddy
	Wilson	
		Taft

	Wilson
William Jennings Bryan	Bryan
	Follette
Robert La Follette	How did these progressives differ from Gilded Age leaders?

Read pages 436-439 and pages 442-445.

**Key Concept: Progressive reformers** responded to **economic instability**, **social inequality**, and **political corruption** by calling for **government intervention** in the economy, **expanded democracy**, greater **social justice**, and **conservation** of natural resources.

Classify Progressive reforms during the Progressive era – during the terms of Teddy-Taft-Wilson (1901-1920) -- into municipal, state, and federal, and political, economic, social. As you fill in your chart, consider adding brief descriptions for future review.

Highlight the federal reforms during Wilson's two terms.

	Political	Economic	Social
Federal			
State			

Local		

# **Key Concepts:**

- A. In the late 1890s and the early years of the 20th century, **journalists and Progressive reformers** largely urban and middle class, and often female worked to **reform** existing social and political institutions at the **local**, **state**, **and federal levels** by creating **new organizations** aimed at addressing social problems associated with an **industrial society**.
- B. **Progressives** promoted **federal legislation** to regulate **abuses** of the economy and the **environment**, and many sought to expand **democracy**.

Analyze the historical significance and impact of the Muckrakers. Your answers should have specific examples of action taken. Be sure you have read the chapter before completing this section! Highlight your cues.

Muckraker Examples	Historical Significance and Impact on Era
Written in 1899 by Thorstein Veblen, <i>Theory of the Leisure Class</i> was a savage attack on "predatory wealth" and "conspicuous consumption." In Veblen's view the parasitic leisure class engaged in wasteful "business" rather than productive "industry." The book thus criticized this aspect of consumerism, social order, and economic status.	The impact on Progressivism was
In 1890, Jacob Riis shocked middle-class Americans with <i>How the Other Half Lives</i> . It was a damning indictment of the dirt, disease, vice, and misery or the rat-gnawed human rookeries known as New York slums.	The impact on Progressivism was
Enterprising editors financed extensive research and encouraged pugnacious writing by their bright young reporters, whom President Roosevelt branded as "muckrakers" in 1906. Despite presidential scolding, these muckrakers boomed circulation and some of their most scandalous exposures were published as best-selling books	The impact on Progressivism was
Theodore Dreiser's novels, <i>The Financier</i> and <i>The Titan</i> portrayed the avarice and ruthlessness of an industrialist.	The impact on Progressivism was
In 1902, a brilliant New York reporter, Lincoln Steffens, launched a series of articles titled "The Shame of the Cities". He fearlessly unmasked the alliances between big business and municipal government.	The impact on Progressivism was
Ida Tarbell earned a national reputation for publishing a scathing History of the Standard Oil Company. With this publication, she criticized Rockefeller over monopolizing the economy through his oil company. Two years later she teamed up with other muckrakers in purchasing the American magazine, which became a journalistic podium for honest government and an end to business abuses.	The impact on Progressivism was

Along with his fellow muckrakers of the time, Ray Stannard Baker entered the industry of American publishers who sought to expose the country's evils. In his book, <i>Following the Color Line</i> , published in 1908, Baker described the social evil of the subjugation of America's 9 million blacks. One third of the black population was illiterate and 90% lived in the segregated south.	The impact on Progressivism was
The Jungle (1906) was a sensational novel written by Upton Sinclair. He intended his revolting tract to focus attention on the plight of the workers in the big canning factories, but instead it appalled the public with his descriptions of disgustingly unsanitary foods. By publishing this novel, he informed the public on the horrible conditions of the factories.	The impact on Progressivism was

Summarize the impact each of the following events had on Progressivism. Your answers should be complete thoughts with specific examples. Highlight your cues.

	How did cities respond?
The Triangle Shirtwaist Company Fire involved a company that did not follow the fire code and locked its doors. As a result, 146 workers, mostly immigrant women, died in the fire or jumped from windows. It led to more restrictive, protective laws.	
The Anthracite Coal Strike of 1902 occurred when a crippling strike broke out in the anthracite coalmines of Pennsylvania. Many of the immigrant miners, who had been exploited and accident-plagued, demanded an increase in pay and a reduction in work hours. Though the wealthy mine owners initially refused to meet these demands, they reluctantly complied after President Roosevelt threatened to operate the mines with federal troops.	What does this incident illustrate about the Progressive Era?

# 6. Analyze the historical significance and impact of women during the Progressive Era. Highlight your cues.

Jane Addams and Frances Kelly not only created and spread the Settlement House movement which battled the social ills of inner cities, they also lobbied state legislatures for better schools, juvenile courts, safety regulations for tenements and factories as well as women's rights.	In what ways did public education improve during the Progressive Era?
Florence Kelley (1899) became the state of Illinois's first chief factory inspector and advocated imposing factory conditions. She took control of the National Consumers League, which mobilized female consumers to pressure for laws safeguarding women and children in the workplace.	Explain the shift in the role of government during the Progressive Era regarding consumers?
Ida B. Wells was an African-American journalist, newspaper editor and, early leader in the civil rights movement. She documented lynching in the United States, showing how it was often a way to control or punish blacks who competed with whites. She was active in the women's rights and the women's suffrage movement.	What progress was made during the Progressive Era regarding anti-lynching laws?

Founder Frances E. Willard built the militant organization, the WCTU (Woman's Christian Temperance Union) to support antiliquor campaigns. Willard supposedly would fall to her knees in prayer on salon floors and mobilized almost 1 million women to "make the world more homelike." Ultimately, the WCTU became the largest organization of women in the world. She also fought for women's suffrage, insisting women to seek enfranchisement and they seek freedom from alcohol and the right to vote.	Why were so many suffragettes also fighting for temperance?
Carrie Chapman Catt took over the NAWSA, National American Woman Suffrage Association in 1900. She changed the strategy of the organization from seeking state laws permitting women's suffrage to targeting the federal government for an amendment. She argued that women needed the vote in order to better care for their families in the new, industrial, complex society.	Following the 19th Amendment, how did Carrie Chapman Catt continue her fight for reform and gender equality?

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## Analyze the historical significance and impact of women during the Progressive Era. Highlight your cues.

Alice Paul broke away from NAWSA and began a more militant campaign in the fight for women's suffrage. She led picketing and parades in Washington D.C., was publicly harassed, arrested, and went to jail with some of her colleagues, including Lucy Burns (1917) for obstructing traffic. In jail she went on a hunger strike and was force fed. The violent way she and her peers were treated helped, finally, to get the attention of top government officials including President Wilson.

Following the 19th Amendment, how did Alice Paul continue her fight for reform and gender equality?

Question: Compare the strategies and accomplishments of Washington and Dubois during the Progressive Era. Highlight your cues.

When analyzing, keep the learning objectives for the reading assignment in mind:

-Evaluate the changing role of government along with the contributions of progressive citizens illustrated by political, economic, and social reforms at the local, state, and federal levels.

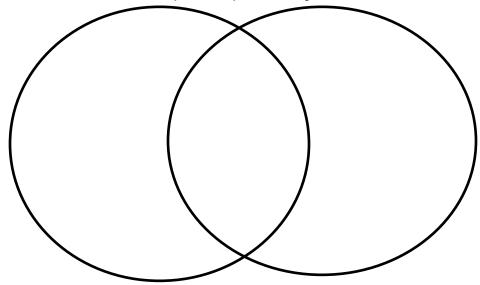
-Analyze the extent to which the Progressive Era was actually progressive.

Booker T. Washington	W.E.B. Dubois

Explain the need for and purpose of the National Urban League, formed in 1911.	

Compare and contrast Roosevelt and Taft's Progressivism. Your Venn should have specific examples as well as generalizations.





In the image on the previous page, Taft is portrayed as a sheep and Roosevelt as Mary. (Mary had a little lamb). Explain the message and significance of this political cartoon in relation to the similarities and differences between the two Presidents.

Was Taft a good "lamb?" Explain your answer.

7. Identify the ruling and significance of the court rulings listed below. Some of these cases may not be in your text.

# U. S. v. E. C. Knight Co. (1895)

The Court Ruled...

Which was historically significant because...

# Plessy v Ferguson (1896)

The Court Ruled...

Which was historically significant because...

Identify the ruling and significance of the court rulings listed below. Some of these cases may not be in your text. Find them on the Google.

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nalyze the significance of the election of 1912.		
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Explain why Theodore Roosevelt challenged his hand-picked successor.	and the s	
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