

## Progressive Era Short Answer Questions

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1. Explain the role of muckrakers in promoting social change. Give examples of their work, and why it was impacted American society.
2. Explain why Progressive reforms were more successful at state and local levels than at the national level. Be sure to list a state where these reforms were particularly successful.
3. Why are Progressives considered moderate but not “radical” reformers?
4. What was the goal of the Progressive movement?
5. What was the subject matter of *The Jungle* and how did the government respond to it? Why may it have received a sympathetic ear in the White House that led to reform?
6. Describe the Clayton Antitrust Act and why it was an improvement from the Sherman Antitrust Act.
7. Name the four Progressive Amendments. What did each amendment try to accomplish?
8. Describe some of the achievements of Teddy Roosevelt under the Square Deal (focus specifically on the government actions passed).
9. How did Gifford Pinchot help the Conservation System?
10. What actions of William Howard Taft made him unpopular with the Progressives in general and Roosevelt in particular?
11. What did Wilson’s “New Freedom” attack? What laws accomplished Wilson’s goals?
12. Who was most responsible for the Republican Party’s split in 1912, and what were the consequences of this split?
13. To whom did Teddy Roosevelt promise a Square Deal and what did it mean?
14. How did the Progressive view of social change differ from the Socialist view?

15. Describe the roles of each of the following women in the Progressive movement:

- Ida B. Wells

-Susan B. Anthony

- Jane Addams

-Ida B. Tarbell

16. Why is Robert M. LaFollette considered the outstanding reform governor of the Progressive Period?

17. How did the Ballinger-Pinchot affair show a political break between Taft and Roosevelt?

18. Why did Wilson consider it necessary to develop the Federal Reserve System?

19. Which two dramatic events led to the improved working conditions in the garment industry? What is the relationship between these event and the increase of women in the workforce?