

Economic Reforms

Review: Upton Sinclair

- ▶ What did Sinclair do?
- ▶ The Jungle - Book published that illustrated the poor working conditions in the meat packing industry
- ▶ What resulted?

Meat Inspection Act (1906)

- ▶ a United States Congress Act that works to prevent adulterated or misbranded meat and meat products from being sold as
 - ▶ Mandatory inspection of livestock before slaughter (cattle, sheep, goats, equines, and swine);
 - ▶ Mandatory postmortem inspection of every carcass;
 - ▶ Sanitary standards established for slaughterhouses and meat processing plants; and
 - ▶ Authorized U.S. Department of Agriculture ongoing monitoring and inspection of slaughter and processing operations

Pure Food and Drug Act

- ▶ Also passed in 1906
- ▶ Its purpose was to stop the trafficking of mislabeled food and drugs
- ▶ Had to list the active ingredient on the label of all drugs

Monopoly Simulation

- ▶ 3 students will be pencil vendors. Their goal will be to sell their inventory and make as much money as possible. The “richest” vendor at the end of the time limit will win and move on to the next round
 - ▶ Customers with a pencil can take their extra money into the next round. Anyone without a pencil loses their extra.
- ▶ Now, as students, you need an “authorized” pencil or I will take a point off our test on Monday. The vendor again is trying to make as much money as possible.

Quick Write!

- ▶ How did the vendor change his/her selling tactics? What were some problems? If you were not able to buy a pencil, how did you feel knowing you were going to lose points on your next exam?

Big Business Issues

- ▶ Trusts- a legal arrangement that allows one person to manage another person's property.
 - ▶ Trustee- The person who manages that property
 - ▶ Allowed one person to manage all the assets in a given industry

The Trust Buster

- ▶ Trustbusting - Breaking up large companies that control an entire industry
 - ▶ Ex. Oil, shipping, etc.
 - ▶ Made those companies look bad to Americans
- ▶ Theodore Roosevelt - President who took it upon himself to break up trusts
- ▶ <http://www.pbs.org/kenburns/the-roosevelts/classroom/lesson-plans/>

Congressional Legislation

- ▶ **Sherman Anti-Trust Act (1890)**
 - ▶ First act passed by Congress to prevent monopolies and trusts.
 - ▶ Prohibits monopolistic activity and allows the government to investigate companies
- ▶ **Clayton Anti-Trust Act (1914)**
 - ▶ Re-enforced the Sherman Anti-Trust Act and also aided labor unions in their efforts to protect workers.

Roosevelt Speech

- ▶ You will read one of the two speeches given by Roosevelt where he talks about the state of business in America
- ▶ Underline the things that he thinks are good, and put a **box** around the things that he thinks are **bad**
- ▶ Answer the questions in your notes about that speech
- ▶ Pair up with someone who did the other speech and have them give a summary

Cartoon Gallery Walk/Graffiti Wall

- ▶ Walk around the room and look at the posted political cartoons
- ▶ Write a (3 word max) response to the cartoon on the blank sheet underneath it
- ▶ When you finish walking around, answer the questions on your note sheet

Writing an Intro Paragraph

What should be in an introductory paragraph?

- ▶ Thesis (last sentence)
- ▶ Background information, setting up your argument
- ▶ Counterclaim (depending

Homework!

- ▶ On the day of the test, you will turn in an introduction (including a thesis) for the following prompt:

“Defend or support the following statement: the progressives of the early 1900s were successful in their goal of solving the problems caused by industrialization”

- ▶ TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY!!!!!!
 - ▶ It will go in the “Writing” category on Skyward and be the only assignment in there
 - ▶ If you do not do it, you WILL lose 20% of your grade. The highest grade you can get is an 80%