

Progressives

Forming Labor Unions was one way that workers during the Industrial Revolution were able to get their voices heard. A political group known as the "Progressives" also formed and lobbied for worker rights.

Answer the following questions while you watch the video about Progressives.

- 1. What were some of the goals of the Progressives?**
1890-1920 Progressives used various techniques to change peoples views & change laws to help the poor & disadvantaged. Wanted to improve the worker & poor peoples lives. Reporters & writers wrote about the problems they saw.
- 2. What was the name Theodore Roosevelt gave to reporters that tried to expose the corrupt business and government practices during Industrialization?**
Roosevelt called them Muckrakers because they were too interested in the ugly side of life. Jacob Riis - photographer of the Urban Poor
- 3. What was the purpose of the Settlement Houses opened by Progressives?**
A settlement house is where reformers offered services such as preschool & classes for adults. The goal of the Settlement House was to help immigrants adjust to the U.S. Jane Addams was a leader in the Settlement House movement starting the first one in 1889. By the end of the Progressive Era 100 houses were around the nation.
- 4. How did "political bosses" affect the general population before the progressive era?** Lincoln Stephen of McClures Magazine exposed political corruption & its effects on people's lives. The bosses used unfair tactics to win elections & stay in power, they got rich by taking bribes. Reformers elected new mayors & city gov'ts who pledged to clean up gov'ts. The Right of Recall & Right of Initiative - more power to the people, 17th Amendment
- 5. What effect did Uptain Sinclair's book, The Jungle, have on Americans?**
1906 The Jungle, Sinclair exposed the unsafe & unhealthy conditions in the meatpacking industry. He worked in the plants to see them first hand. The workers got chewed up, just like the meat & were frequently hurt on the job. Sinclair wanted help for the workers - instead changes in food industry. 1906 Meat Inspection Act
- 6. Who was the first Progressive president?**
1901 Teddy Roosevelt was the 1st progressive president
- 7. What was the purpose of the "Square Deal"?**
The Square Deal was to protect the middle & lower classes & give everyone equal opportunity.