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PROGRESSIVE ERA REFORMS

Many of the functions of the government and present political practices date back to the Progressive Era. Progressives were people who wanted to **reform**, or change society for the better. They used moral outrage and religion to spur reform movements. Progressive reformers were mostly middle-class, native-born members of society. Reformers targeted political corruption by trying to end political machines and break up trusts. Progressive reforms took place over a period of time, under the leadership of three presidents: Theodore Roosevelt, William Taft and Woodrow Wilson.

Temperance



Outlawed alcohol because it was believed that society's problems like crime and poverty cause by it

Labor Unions



Developed to help workers in sweatshops get better conditions, shorter hours and higher wages

Education



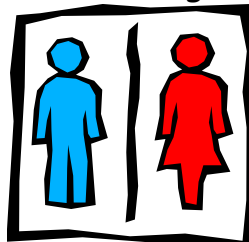
Horace Mann pushed for the US to develop public education system
Massachusetts was the first state to adopt it

Needy and Mentally Ill



Dorthea Dix tried to help the mentally ill by getting them better treatment

Women's Rights



Demanded equal rights and suffrage. Women like Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton paved the way

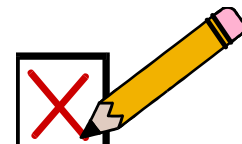
Muckrakers



Journalists who exposed the horrible conditions of society in their writings. Included Jacob Riis and Ida Tarbell.

Progressive reformers did achieve some of their goals. The following are the Progressive Amendments, all ratified as a result of Progressive reform.

- 16 – Presented a federal **income tax**, which means you pay according to how much you earn
- 17 – Afford the **direct election of senators** by the people
- 18 – Creates the **prohibition** (banning) of alcohol
- 19 – Granted **women suffrage**



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Directions: Use the information on Progressive Era reforms to answer the following questions.

1. What is reform? _____

2. What was the goal of Progressives? _____

3. What type of people were Progressives? _____

4. Who were the three Presidents that pushed Progressive reform? _____

5. What was the goal of the temperance movement? _____

6. Who was Horace Mann? _____

7. Name two reformers who helped achieve equal rights for women. _____

8. What did Dorothea Dix do? _____

9. What is a muckraker? _____

10. Explain what each of the four Progressive Amendments did. _____

