
Muckrakers and the Roosevelt Administration

— Unit 3 —

Standard:

US 14 Explain the roles played by muckrakers and progressive idealists, including: Robert M. La Follette, Sr., Lincoln Steffens, Theodore Roosevelt, Upton Sinclair, Ida Tarbell

US 16 Analyze the significant progressive achievements during President Theodore Roosevelt's administration, including:

- Square Deal
- Meat Inspection Act
- "Trust-busting"
- Support for conservation

Muckrakers:

Crusading journalists who investigated social conditions and political corruption

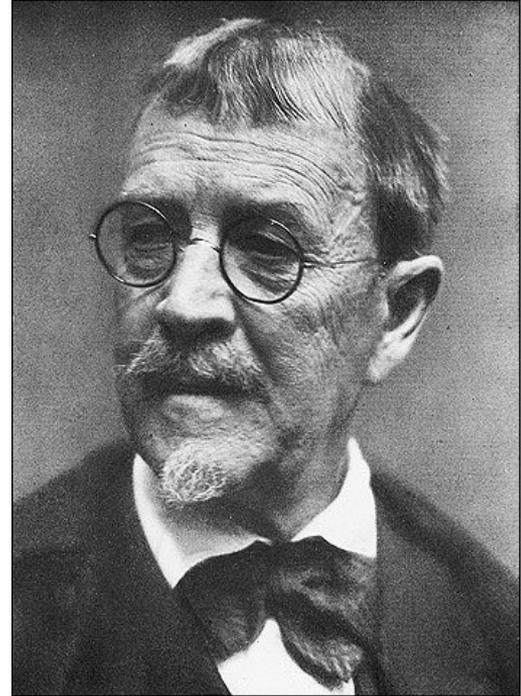
Robert M. La Follette, Sr.

- Led Wisconsin in a model of political reform
- Introduced multiple concepts, including recall, which allowed voters to demand special elections to remove officeholders before term expiration



Lincoln Steffens

- Reported on vote stealing and other corrupt political practices of political machines



Upton Sinclair



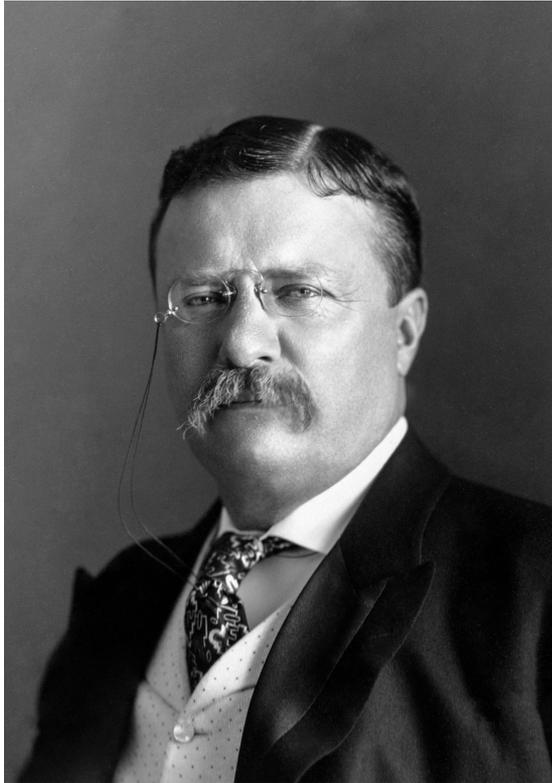
- Published *The Jungle* based on his close observations of the slaughterhouses in Chicago. He described the appalling conditions of the meatpacking industry and it enraged consumers.

Ida Tarbell



- Muckraker who concentrated on exposing the unfair practices of corporations

Theodore Roosevelt



- Disapproved of journalists whom he considered to be so overly focused on the bad that they failed to notice and report on the good
- Wanted journalists to be even-handed and objective in their reporting

The Roosevelt Administration

The Square Deal

- Was Theodore Roosevelt's domestic policy based on three basic ideas:
 - Protection of the consumer
 - Control of large corporations
 - Conservation of natural resources

“We must treat each man on his worth and merits as a man. We must see that each is given a square deal, because he is entitled to no more and should receive no less.”

-Speech on the Square Deal in Dallas, Texas on April 5, 1905

Trust Busting

- Roosevelt thought some trusts were good but also felt monopoly power of some trusts hurt the public interest
- Took on JP Morgan's Railroad company
- Northern Securities had a monopoly of the Northwest. Roosevelt will sue the company and win
- Hailed as a "Trust-Buster"

Pure Food and Drug Act

- Prohibited misbranded and adulterated foods, drinks, and drugs in interstate commerce
- Led to the creation of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Meat Inspection Act

- Mandated that federal agents inspect meat and meat-processing plants involved in interstate commerce
- Inspired by Upton Sinclair's *The Jungle*
- Signed on the same day as the Pure Food and Drug Act

Exit Ticket:

Match each Muckraker with their accomplishment

1. .Robert M. La Follette, Sr.
 2. Lincoln Steffens
 3. Theodore Roosevelt
 4. Upton Sinclair
 5. Ida Tarbell
- a. Wanted journalists to be even-handed and objective in their reporting
 - b. Led Wisconsin in a model of political reform and introduced recall
 - c. Published *The Jungle*
 - d. Muckraker who concentrated on exposing the unfair practices of corporations
 - e. Reported on vote stealing and other corrupt political practices of political machines

Exit Ticket:

The list below summarizes President Theodore Roosevelt's domestic program.

- consumer protection
- control of corporations
- conservation of natural resources

Based on this summary, which belief was the foundation of this program?

- At times, the government needs to fund private industry to stimulate the creation of jobs.
- At times, the government needs to regulate private industry to protect the common good.
- At times, the government needs to regulate public works projects to protect the property of citizens.
- At times, the federal government needs to fund public works projects to expand the national infrastructure.