

Directions: Answer the essential questions in short paragraphs 5-6 sentences long. You must use proper grammar and spelling. Your answers must be typed. Include both the question and the answer on your assignment.

1. Explain the main ideas of Progressive reformers.
2. Describe how political machines and political bosses used small favors and kickbacks to create political machines in the cities of America in the late 1800s and early 1900s.
3. Explain who William “Boss” Tweed was. How did the Tweed Ring control NYC?



The Tweed Ring: Boss Tweed and NYC officials are shown pointing to one another in response to the question “Who Stole the People’s Money?” On Tweed’s right a man holds a hat labeled “Chairs” a reference to the \$179,000 New York City paid for 40 chairs and three tables. Other contractors and cheats—their names on their coats—complete the “ring”

4. Analyze the Political Cartoon above.
 - A. How did political bosses gain votes for their parties?
 - B. Why are all the individuals pointing to someone else?
 - C. What statement is cartoonist Thomas Nast making about the extent of political corruption in New York City?
5. What actions did Rutherford B. Hayes and James Garfield take to end the spoils system? How did the Pendleton Act change the system?
6. Explain how the Interstate Commerce Act and the Interstate Commerce Commission affected railroads and farmers in America.