

The Muckrakers

1. Explain in detail who the Muckrakers were and what they tried to accomplish.

Ida Tarbell

2. Read the profile on page 634 about Ida Tarbell and answer the following question. ? What was the Ida Tarbell’s main idea when she wrote “The History of the Standard Oil Company”?

Read the information below and answer the question on the following page.

Here was a population, low-class and mostly foreign, hanging always on the verge of starvation, and dependent for its opportunities of life upon the whim of men every bit as brutal and unscrupulous as the old-time slave drivers; under such circumstances immorality was exactly as inevitable, and as prevalent, as it was under the system of chattel slavery. Things that were quite unspeakable went on there in the packing houses all the time, and were taken for granted by everybody; only they did not show, as in the old slavery times, because there was no difference in color between master and slave.

From The Jungle by Upton Sinclair

3. Who are the two groups of people that Sinclair is writing about in the passage above? What is the main point of the passage?

The Progressives

4. Explain what the main goals were of the Progressives. What did it mean when it was said they felt government should act in the public interest?

5. Explain Robert La Follette’s ideas for empowering voters.

Complete the Chart below using the information on page 635.

Before		After
	Primary	
	Initiative	
	Referendum	
	Recall	

6. Explain the 16th Amendment and why did Progressives favor this amendment?

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