**Progressive Era Reform Poster Project**

Name: _______________________________ Class: ___ Date: ________________________

Directions: You will be pretending to be a muckraker and you will be exposing what you believe is the greatest Progressive Era issue or problem during this time. Your task is to create a posters specific to you particular reform issue. The posters need to be creative, colorful, and credible. These will be “propaganda” posters illustrating the issues of this time. Your goal will be to create a poster that will effectively convince your peers that the issue you chose is in fact the greatest issue Americans faced during the progressive era. The second portion of this assignment will be a short essay discussing which goal of progressivism OR progressive era president had the greatest effect upon the issue you chose to present. The essay will need to be 3 paragraphs long with the following structure:

1. Introduce your issue and the president or goal you believed to have the greatest effect upon that issue. This is where your thesis will be located.
   a. Example thesis: “President Franklin Roosevelt and his ‘New Deal’ policies had the most significant and most lasting effects upon the issues America faced during the Great Depression”.

2. Create a solid argument for your thesis. Provide examples!
   a. So for my example above, I would seek to answer this questions: How did FDR’s New Deal policies positively affect the issues Americans faced during the Great Depression?

3. Summarize your essay with a good conclusion. Restate your thesis and put a bow on your work!

This project will be worth **50 points**! **25** for the poster and **25** for the essay. Do your best work!

**Topic ideas:**

1. Women’s suffrage: 19th amendment, NAWSA, NAWC
2. Prohibition & Temperance
3. The ‘Social Gospel’
5. Politics: 17th Amendment, Referendum, Initiative, Recall, City commissions, Political Machines, “Kickbacks”
6. City Life: *How the other half lives*, Tenements, settlement houses, *The Jungle*

**Poster required elements:** Pictures, Words (or subtitles), and color.
Things to consider:

- How does your issue relate to the progressive era?
- How did the make life difficult for the average American?
- What significant events occurred surrounding your issue?
- What laws or political changes were made as a result of your issue?
- What president dealt with your given issue?
- What impact did reformers have while fighting for your issues?
- How do you think your issue impacted the progressive era as a whole?
- How do you think your issue and the changes that occurred because of it effected the United States in the long run, perhaps even today?

**Consider these questions as you create your poster and write your essay.**

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**Poster Rubric:**

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