

The Progressive Era

Matching

Match each item with the correct statement below.

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| a. commission plan | d. workers' compensation |
| b. referendum | e. initiative |
| c. muckraker | f. temperance |

- _____ 1. allowed a group of citizens to introduce legislation and required the legislature to vote on it
- _____ 2. divides a city's government into several departments
- _____ 3. movement for moderation or elimination of alcohol consumption
- _____ 4. allowed proposed legislation to be submitted to the voters for approval
- _____ 5. insurance fund financed by employers
- _____ 6. journalist who investigated corruption and scandal

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| a. Richard A. Ballinger | f. Wisconsin |
| b. Ida Tarbell | g. Woodrow Wilson |
| c. Children's Bureau | h. Seventeenth Amendment |
| d. Meat Inspection Act | i. prohibition |
| e. Sixteenth Amendment | j. Nineteenth Amendment |

- _____ 7. provided for the direct election of U.S. senators
- _____ 8. made it legal for the federal government to tax the income of individuals directly
- _____ 9. guaranteed women the right to vote
- _____ 10. "laboratory of democracy"
- _____ 11. banned the manufacture, sale, and consumption of alcohol
- _____ 12. tried to open nearly a million acres of public land to private development
- _____ 13. as governor of New Jersey, he introduced many progressive reforms
- _____ 14. wrote articles criticizing Standard Oil
- _____ 15. passed in response to *The Jungle*
- _____ 16. investigated and publicized problems with child labor



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TYPES OF PROGRESSIVISM			
A. Social Welfare	B. Democracy	C. Regulation of Big Business	D. Efficiency

- ____ 17. Interstate Commerce Commission
- ____ 18. referendum
- ____ 19. scientific management
- ____ 20. Woman's Christian Temperance Union

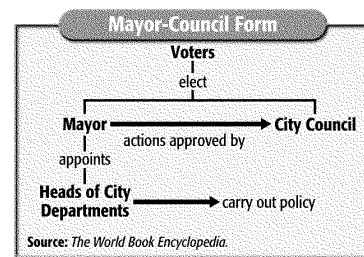
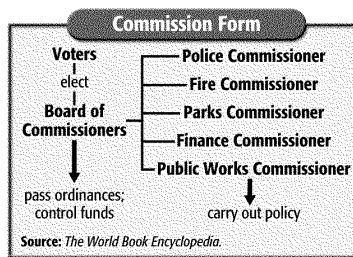
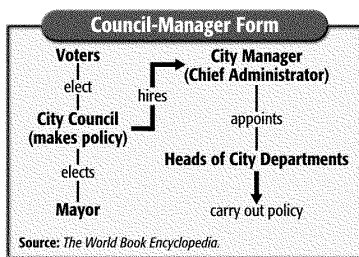
Short Answer

21. Describe what you believe to be the most important item that Progressives tackled during the early 1900's. Explain how it has impacted our lives today.

Multiple Choice

Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- ____ 22. Progressives had a strong faith in
- a. the market's ability to solve social problems. c. science and technology.
- b. trusting politicians to serve the people. d. foreign trade.



- ____ 23. According to the graphic, which form of city government has a mayor elected by voters?
- a. council-manager form only
- b. mayor-council form only
- c. commissioner form only
- d. council-manager and mayor-council forms.



- _____ 24. In the commission form of city government, policy is carried out by
- appointed officials.
 - elected officials.
 - a mayor.
 - a city council.

“It was clear to me that the only way to beat boss and ring rule was to keep the people thoroughly informed. Machine control is based upon misrepresentation and ignorance. Democracy is based upon knowledge. It is of first importance that the people shall know about their government and the work of their public servants.”

—from Robert La Follette’s *Autobiography*



- _____ 25. According to the excerpt, Robert La Follette believed that the public should
- have no say regarding laws that affect private business.
 - be aware of the activities of private business.
 - have no say in who gets elected to office.
 - be informed of government activities.
- _____ 26. Tragedy at the Triangle Shirtwaist Company led to
- child labor laws.
 - standards for safe use of machines.
 - laws against harmful fumes.
 - building codes requiring fire escapes.
- _____ 27. The laissez-faire argument for the best way to preserve public land was to
- keep it under government control and not allow companies to use it.
 - keep it under government control, but allow its use for land development projects.
 - sell it to lumber companies, who would conserve it as a source of profits.
 - sell it to private individuals, who would conserve it because it belonged to them.

Beliefs of Progressives
People can improve society by relying on science and knowledge.
Industrialism and urbanization cause problems.
Government should fix problems.
Government itself should be reformed in order to achieve reform.



- _____ 28. According to the graphic, what did Progressives think was responsible for solving the problems of society?
- urbanization patterns
 - legislative action
 - scientific discoveries
 - industrial development

“Two years ago, I saw 150 children working illegally at 20 minutes past 10 o’clock at night in a perfectly reputable dry goods store in the city of New York on the Saturday night before Christmas. If one of those children had stolen any small article . . . the heavy hand of the law would have carried that child promptly into the Juvenile Court. But 150 children were robbed of sleep in violation of the law.”

—Florence Kelley, National Consumers’ League,
“Obstacles to the Enforcement of Child Labor Legislation”



- _____ 29. The excerpt reveals that the employer was breaking the law regulating
- how late the children could work.
 - how much children could be paid.
 - working on religious holidays.
 - how many children the employer could hire.
- _____ 30. Progressivism was partly a reaction against _____ economics, which emphasized an unregulated free market.
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| a. social Darwinist | c. free trade |
| b. laissez-faire | d. conservative |
- _____ 31. What were crusading journalists who investigated social conditions and political corruption called?
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| a. reformers | c. muckrakers |
| b. efficiency progressives | d. suffragists |
- _____ 32. Which progressive government reform allowed voters to demand a special election to remove an elected official from office before his or her term had expired?
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| a. referendum | c. initiative |
| b. recall | d. direct primary |