

STUDY GUIDE  
THE PROGRESSIVE ERA: 1901-1917

THE ESSENTIAL QUESTION:

- To what extent did the Progressive Reforms of 1901-1917 effectively address problems created by the growth of American industry?

IN A NUTSHELL:

- Demands for reform of the economic and political system were widespread during the early 1900s.
- Government regulation of the economic system began at the state level, but since economic power was in the hands of national monopolies, the federal government was needed for meaningful reform.
- After Theodore Roosevelt became president, the U.S. entered a period of reform that continued under William H. Taft and Woodrow Wilson. The reforms passed under these three presidents would institutionalize a regulated capitalism.

KEY TERMS

EVENTS

Pendleton Civil Service Act, 1883  
Sherman Anti-Trust Act, 1890  
McKinley assassinated; Teddy Roosevelt becomes president, 1901  
UMW coal strike mediated by Roosevelt, 1902  
Wright brothers fly the first airplane, 1903  
Roosevelt breaks up the Northern Securities Company, 1904  
Industrial Workers of the World created, 1905  
Hepburn Act passed, 1906  
Meat Inspection Act passed, 1906  
Pure Food and Drug Act passed, 1906  
Payne-Aldrich Tariff, 1909  
Ballinger-Pinchot controversy, 1910  
Election of 1912  
Underwood-Simmons Tariff, 1913  
Glass-Owen Federal Reserve Act passed, 1913  
Federal Trade Commission created, 1914  
Clayton Anti-Trust Act passed, 1914  
Keating-Owen Child Safety Act, 1916

PEOPLE

Frederick Winslow Taylor ("Taylorism")  
Robert LaFollette  
Theodore Roosevelt  
William Jennings Bryan  
William H. Taft  
Woodrow Wilson  
Eugene Debs  
Louis Brandeis  
Susan B. Anthony  
Jane Addams  
Lillian Wald

OTHER TERMS

progressivism/ progressive reform  
Socialism  
muckraker  
Henry Demarest Lloyd, *Wealth Against Commonwealth*  
Jacob Riis, *How the Other Half Lives*  
Ida Tarbell, *History of the Standard Oil Company*  
scientific management  
"trust-busting"  
prohibition  
Anti-Saloon League  
square deal  
Sugar Trust  
Beef Trust  
Upton Sinclair, *The Jungle*  
conservation  
New Nationalism  
Progressive "Bull Moose" Party  
New Freedom  
Socialist Party  
Sixteenth Amendment  
Seventeenth Amendment  
Eighteenth Amendment  
Nineteenth Amendment