

1. Progressives believed that the current free market system was good enough to eventually work out the social problems in America, such as poverty.
2. Progressives felt that the current government was incapable of addressing social problems, so the government needed to be first fixed before solving social concerns.
3. Progressives believed that one can use scientific principles to address social problems.
4. Muckrakers were journalists who attempted to uncover and expose social problems and corruption in an attempt to fight these injustices.
5. Thanks to muckrakers such as Jacob Riis and Lincoln Steffens, the public's awareness of problems increased causing a call for reforms.
6. One reason progressives were effective is because they always agreed on the strategies they would use.
7. One group of progressives believed in making government more efficient by using business principles. The progressives called for the commission plan and the use of a council-manager plan. Galveston, Texas went to a council-manager plan after the deadliest hurricane in US History, hit that region.
8. Another group of progressives believed in making the political system more democratic. Bob LaFollette, a democratic governor of Wisconsin got his state to use the direct primary system in order to weaken the political bosses.
9. Progressives also pushed for the initiative, referendum and recall. A referendum allowed voters to call for a special election to remove an elected official.
10. When progressives managed to get the direct election of US senators, they not only helped to fight corruption but this change also removed one of the checks a state legislature had on federal power.
11. After the 14th & 15th Amendments passed Congress, women were shocked by President Johnson's resistance to women's suffrage while the Republican party tried to give women suffrage.
12. The New York City based-National Women Suffrage Association focused on passing a constitutional amendment, while the Boston-based American Women Suffrage Association focused on getting states to grant women's suffrage before a federal constitutional amendment.
13. Women finally decided to become politically active for women's suffrage when they realized they needed the right to vote to help promote reforms they favored including labor laws to protect women.
14. It was not until 1920 that the 20th Amendment finally passed granting women the right to vote.
15. Muckraker Upton Sinclair's book about child coal miner's helped shock Americans into getting states to pass minimum age limits for employment.
16. The US Supreme Court deemed unconstitutional laws regulating working hours for men but they upheld those for women because they felt healthy mothers were a state's concern.
17. Many progressives saw alcohol as a major reason for many social problems so they formed temperance organizations. Initially they favored reducing consumption but later advocated prohibition.
18. Some progressives favored breaking up big companies to restore competition while others argued for governmental regulation of big business. The socialists preferred to have the government own and run businesses.