

8th grade Social Social Studies

Chapter 19 sections 1 and 2

Presentations

TOPIC: Corruption in cities

LEARNING TARGET: Where do we still see the effects of corruption in cities today?

- NOTES:**
- Corruption is caused by business men taking advantage of the growth in population, and children being exposed to violent acts
 - Corruption was big in Chicago - Gangs thus
 - factories did not offer a good enough income so many people joined political machine - a system that uses bribery to help immigrants in exchange for votes.

TOPIC: Recall Elections

LEARNING TARGET: What is a recall election and why is it important today?

- NOTES:**
- it is a procedure in which voters can remove an official from office before their term has ended.
 - The U.S. had successful recalls
 - They are proposed by groups who want to change something and they hope to vote again for a different result.

TOPIC: Controlling big businesses

LEARNING TARGET: How were businesses controlled in the early 1900s?

- NOTES:** Corporations are businesses owned by investors
- loans were given by banks
 - entrepreneurs take risks to start a business
 - the govt. created laws that would prevent big businesses from failing.
 - the govt. limited trusts

TOPIC: The Sherman Anti-trust Act

LEARNING TARGET: How did the Sherman Anti-trust act affect companies in the past and today? How did it affect the economy?

- NOTES:** It restricted trusts to ensure a competitive "free market system."

- kept large companies from buying many smaller businesses.
- This would lead to less jobs
- Large companies were angry
- Sometimes it caused us to get things wrong

TOPIC: Ballot Initiatives

LEARNING TARGET: How have ballot initiatives helped our country grow in freedom + liberty?

- NOTES:**
- a process in which people can put together their view on a certain topic and vote to make an idea happen
 - most common w/ taxes
 - ballot initiatives made charities, increased voters, and recruit activists from both political parties.

TOPIC: muckrakers

LEARNING TARGET: How did muckrakers influence and reform American society?

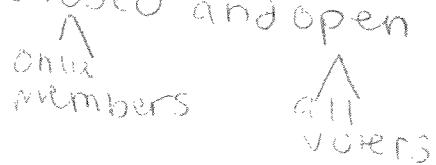
- NOTES:**
- journalists, novelists, and critics
 - they showed what was wrong in American Society
 - exaggerated stories
 - reformed the public
 - helped expose 10 pound steer being sold as 3 lbs
 - The Jungle by Upton Sinclair - it is extremely poor quality

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TOPIC: Primary Election**LEARNING TARGET:** What is a primary election and is it still used today?

- NOTES:**
- voters choose their candidates
 - they vote for their party's candidates
 - two types - closed and open

**TOPIC:** Turning the Spoils system**LEARNING TARGET:** What was the Spoil System and why was it important?

- NOTES:**
- rewarding political supporters with jobs
 - lots of presidents wanted to stop the spoil system; believed people should get jobs for their ability
 - Republicans tried to stop it

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TOPIC: Graduated Income Tax**LEARNING TARGET:** What is an income tax and how did it affect people's lives?

- NOTES:**
- a tax on any item you receive
 - changed dependent on your income
 - families had to work a lot in unsafe factories
 + to pay taxes
 - the greater your salary, the greater percentage you are taxed

TOPIC: NATIONAL PARKS**LEARNING TARGET:** What was the importance of national parks to the American public?**NOTES:**

- National parks managed and protected by govt.
- Yellowstone was the first
- Theodore Roosevelt made 5 parks
- protect endangered species
- make money for govt. + people
- educate the public