

TOPIC: Corruption in cities

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

- NOTES:
- Corruption is caused by businessmen taking the growth in population, and children being exposed to violent acts
  - Corruption was big in Chicago - gangs thrived
  - factories did not offer a good enough income so many people joined gangs
  - political machine - a system that uses bribery to help immigrants in exchange for votes.
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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 <sup>many</sup> successful recalls ~~in 1900s~~
  - They are proposed by groups whose candidate lost 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

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**TOPIC:** The ~~1900~~ Sherman Anti-trust Act

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

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

- kept large companies from buying all the smaller businesses.
- This would lead to less jobs
- large companies were angry
- sometimes was used to target labor unions

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Presentations

**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.

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**TOPIC:** muckrakers

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

**NOTES:**

- journalists, novelists, and critics
- they showed what was wrong with society
- exaggerated stories
- reformed the public
- so the world so found the things wrong and
- The Jungle by Upton Sinclair was extremely powerful!

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
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only members
- ↑  
all voters
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TOPIC: Taming 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

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 alot in unsafe factories to pay taxes
  - the greater your salary, the greater percentage you are taxed

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TOPIC: National Parks

LEARNING TARGET: What was the importance of national parks to the American public?

NOTES:

- natural areas managed and protected by govt.
- Yellowstone was the first
- Theodore Roosevelt made 5 parks
- protect endangered species, educate the public, make money for govt. recreation