

This Lesson Plan is designed for a unit on the Progressive Era. Before this lesson, students should be familiar with the terms Industrialization and Urbanization. Students should also have an understanding of the growing immigrant populations of the United States, the problems they faced, and the anti-immigrant sentiment among many Americans.

NYS Social Studies Scope and Sequence Standards: 8.2e, 11.5

Focus Question

How did the Progressive Era transform life in New York and the United States?

Do Now

List some issues facing the newly arriving immigrants in the United States

- Some issues to look out for and highlight include: poor sanitation, lack of housing, poor working conditions, crime, high levels of orphaned children, child labor.

Direct Instruction

Begin by reading together the introduction to the story. As you read, make sure to pause when necessary to clarify or review certain terms.

- Urbanization
- Industrialization
- Robber Barons
- Municipal Services
- Progressive Era

Activity

Have students create a T-Chart. On the left-hand side, instruct the students to copy the list of issues facing newly arriving immigrants from the Do Now. This list should include all the issues that were listed when going over the Do Now as a class. Then have students independently read through the story. As they read, direct the students to record the Progressive Era solutions to these issues on the right-hand side of the T-Chart, based on the story. If time permits, allow students to break into pairs to share their T-Charts. After providing sufficient time, review with the whole class. Have the students fill in any missing issues and solutions.

Example

Issues Facing Immigrants	Progressive Era Reforms/Solutions
1. Unsanitary Conditions 2. Lack of Access to education	1. Creation of Bathhouses 2. Creation of night schools for children who worked

Exit Slip/Homework

New York, like many other cities in the United States, transformed as a result of the reforms enacted during the Progressive Era. **Using evidence from at least three images and descriptions, explain how New York transformed due to the Progressive Movement.**

- Make sure to include a strong topic sentence which states how New York was different as a result of these new reforms.
- Describe the reforms and explain how they change New York
- Provide evidence, either by referencing the text of the image, for your topic sentence.
