

The Progressives: An Investigative Report

Directions: In the early 20th century, many journalists wrote about problems in the United States. These reporters were known as Muckrakers. For this lesson, you will assume the role of a muckraker, uncovering alarming information about problems in American society at the turn of the century. [Use these slides to conduct your research.](#) You will expose what you learned to the American public by writing a newspaper report that will stir your readers to action.

Your article must include these elements:

- ☐ An appropriate and appealing title.
- ☐ A byline with your name and an appropriate date from the time period.
- ☐ An introduction paragraph with an overview of what you plan to expose in your article.
- ☐ Body paragraphs. These paragraphs should focus on some of the problems you uncovered at your field site: [Environment](#), [Politics](#), [Cities & Workplace](#), and [Society](#). **Pick TWO of these areas to focus your report on.** Each paragraph should have at least four sentences, and include information from your notes. **You must refer to the sources from the research part of this assignment.**
- ☐ A conclusion paragraph summarizing the reasons your readers should take action to address the problems you uncovered.
- ☐ A “photograph” from your investigation with a brief caption. This can be a drawing you make or something online. It should depict something you wrote about in the article.
- ☐ Any other clever and creative touches that will make your article more realistic. Video? Podcast?
- ☐ Type your article. You can be creative with layout.