

The Progressives

- Corruption in gov't: political "bosses" controlled gov'ts by demanding payoffs by businesses, "buying" votes by giving jobs and necessities to the poor
- "Boss" Tweed cheats more than \$100 million from NYC
- Thomas Nast: political cartoonist exposed Tweed
- "good government leagues" help clean up corrupt city gov'ts

- Muckrakers: journalists who exposed corruption, unfair business practices, poor living conditions
- Ida Tarbell: business--Standard Oil
- Upton Sinclair: meatpacking industry
- Jacob Riis: slum life
- When citizens saw the problems in society, they demanded reform

- Progressive: forward thinking people who want to improve American life
- Valued the social gospel, scientific improvements, education (John Dewey)