Progressives Unit Assessment: Progressivism Today

**Introduction**

You have spent the last 2 weeks learning about some of the shortcomings of American Society at the turn of the 20th Century and the strategies used to progress society forward. We always examined the **goals**, **strategies** and **outcomes** of each progressive movement. Now it is your turn to take on the role of a progressive in an attempt to progress society in modern America.

**Task**

It will be your task to put together a progressive reform poster to spread the word about a problem or “ill” you see in modern America. Like all good progressives, it will be your job to **expose** the issue, attract **public support** and plan out your own **solution**. You are trying to get the attention of the president to be a leader for your movement!

**Procedure**

1. **Reform Movement**: The first thing you need to do is reflect on your experiences and decide what you would like to see changed. Topics include:
   1. Women’s Rights

My topic is:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* 1. Urban Problems
  2. Business Regulation
  3. Conservation
  4. Food Safety

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| **Reform Poster in History** | **Reform Poster Today** |
| 1. Your first order of business is to create a campaign poster for your reform movement in history. Your poster will include the following parts:    1. **A title or heading** 🡪 What is the reform?    2. **Purpose statement 🡪** A brief statement that lets the audience know the problem and what needs to be reformed    3. **Call to action** 🡪 What do you want people to do?       1. Is there a specific act or amendment?       2. Do you want them to read a book?    4. **Political Cartoon**: Find a political carton of the issue from the past and briefly analyze it. | 1. Now you want to convince the president that there is still more reforming to do today! You will create a 2nd reform poster of the issue today.    1. **A title or heading** 🡪 What is the reform?    2. **Purpose statement 🡪** A brief statement that lets the audience know the problem and what needs to be reformed    3. **Call to action** 🡪 What do you want people to do?       1. Is there a specific change you want?       2. Do you want them to know anything?    4. **Political Cartoon**: Find a political carton of the issue from today and briefly analyze it. |

**Write-up:** In order to make sure the president knows exactly what he is looking at you will draft a short write-up to clarify a few things.

1. **Expose**: You need to expose your current-day issue to the president. Your expose must include:
   1. A description of the **current** issue
   2. An explanation of **what the Progressive Era did to help**
   3. An explanation of **why the issue is still a problem**:
      1. Who it affects?
      2. Why it needs to be changed.
2. **Solution**: The last step is to plan out your solution to the problem. A problem without a solution is a complaint; a problem with a solution is reform. Your solution must address
   1. What should the president do to fix the problem?
      1. Hint: What were the outcomes/solutions to many of the reform movements we studied?
   2. Why is your solution progress for society?

**Use this space to take notes and organize information.**

**Grading Rubric**

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| **Reform Posters** | **8**  Student created 2 reform posters that accurately depict…   * A Title * Purpose statement * Call to action * Political cartoon analysis |  |
| **Expose** | **4**  Student provided:   * An accurate description of the issue * Explanation of:   + The problem in **history** vs **now**   + Who is affected |  |
| **Solution** | **4**  Student planned out a realistic and manageable solution to the issue that addresses:   * How it will help * Why it is progress for society |  |

**Total Points: /16**

**Comments:**