

## (Just the Facts): THE PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT – Emergence of Modern America

*Video Quiz* <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PWmQhnK6xu8>

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1. **TRUE** -or- **FALSE**: Due to the increased wealth and prosperity of the United States, many people have come to refer to the time period from 1900 to 1910 as the *Age of Optimism*.

2. **TRUE** -or- **FALSE**: Following the Spanish-American War of 1898, the United States gained Cuba, Puerto Rico, and Hawaii from Spain.

3. **TRUE** -or- **FALSE**: One example of the United States becoming an increasingly imperialistic presence in the world occurred in 1900 with the *Boxer Rebellion*. In this uprising, the native people of India rose up in rebellion against the British because many Indians believed Western values were replacing their own native customs and traditions; yet with the assistance of the United States the rebellion was put down.

4. What country originally controlled Panama and from whom the people of Panama gained their independence (with the help of the United States and through a revolution)? *Additionally, the United States was granted the right to build the Panama Canal for having aided in this revolution.*

5. What act of Congress was passed in 1890 which was designed to limit the ability of a big business to gain control of a particular industry and potentially form a monopoly (yet the Supreme Court did little to uphold the law in legal proceedings)?

6. Before child labor laws were passed in the United States, children sometimes worked long hours and in harsh conditions to help their families financially. According to the video, what percentage of girls -and- boys were estimated to have worked in factories/mills/mines at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and into the 20<sup>th</sup> century?

7. During the Progressive Era, what was the name given to journalists who often exposed the corruption and wrongdoings of big businesses?

8. What big business' questionable actions did Ida Tarbell expose in her work/investigations (*hint: the company was owned by John D. Rockefeller*)?

9. What was the name of Upton Sinclair's book which exposed the horrific conditions found in meat packing centers and slaughter houses, particularly in Chicago?

10. **TRUE** -or- **FALSE**: Vice President Theodore Roosevelt became President of the United States in 1901 as a result of the assassination of President William McKinley.

11. What was the name for President Roosevelt's plan to ensure that Americans were being treated fairly and to ensure that big businesses were not monopolizing various industries? *Additionally, which big business/industry did President Roosevelt first target after having won the election of 1904?*

12. How many antitrust cases were brought before the United States Supreme Court during the presidency of Theodore Roosevelt?

13. In 1902, what big business/industry did President Roosevelt threaten to take control of if the business owners could not come to an agreement regarding wages and hours worked for their employees?

14. TRUE -or- FALSE: The Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906, which President Roosevelt supported, set forth federal guidelines and requirements for businesses who produced and manufactured various food and drug products to ensure safety and quality of the various goods being sold to the public.

15. TRUE -or- FALSE: In 1903, Pelican Island in Massachusetts became the first National Wildlife Preserve in the United States thanks, in part, to the work of President Theodore Roosevelt who was an avid conservationist.

16. Thanks to the support of his *then* friend Theodore Roosevelt (*they would later become rivals*), William Howard Taft became President of the United States in 1908. During Taft's presidency, how many antitrust cases were brought before the United States Supreme Court?

17. TRUE -or- FALSE: The difference in opinion over conservation led to the rivalry that developed between former friends Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft. This rivalry led Theodore Roosevelt to attempt to win a third term to the office of the Presidency in the election of 1912 when he formed his own third party called the Progressive Party -or- Bull-Moose Party.

18. Due to Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft splitting the Republican vote, what Democrat won the election of 1912 and became President of the United States with only 41% of the popular vote?

19. What did the 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution do -and- what did the 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution do?

20. TRUE -or- FALSE: *Initiative, referendum, and recall* are all examples of how American citizens were being given more opportunities to participate in government during the Progressive Era.

21. What institution was created during the presidency of Woodrow Wilson to oversee the banking industry and to help control the money supply and interest rates in the United States (*hint: it still exists today*)?

22. What is temperance/prohibition -and- what Constitutional Amendment addressed this issue in 1920?

23. Who founded the *Hull House*, which was an example of a "settlement house" which provided various services to individuals (usually immigrants) who were attempting to assimilate to the American way of life?

24. What group of immigrants did the United States attempt to keep out of the country in 1902 because of various American prejudices including the fear that this particular group of immigrants would take away jobs from native born Americans?

25. In what year did the United States enter into World War I which marked the decline of the Progressive Era in the United States?