Section 1

The Roots of
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- Progressive Era – tried to improve society
- Series of responses to problems in US society, emerged from growth of industry
- Reaction against laissez-faire economics.
- Thought Industrialization created problems
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- Most of the Progressives were urban, educated, middle class Americans such as journalists, social workers, politicians etc.
- They doubted that the government could fix society’s problems
- They liked science and technology
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- The muckrakers were a term president Roosevelt made about the investigating progressives because he meant they were searching for scandals.
- The covered many corruptions.
- Jacob Riis was a famous photographer, and he published photos of poverty, diseases, crime etc. in NYC.
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