

# Progressives (1880-1920) Study Guide

Leaders	Type	Organization or Book Wrote	Position Held	Reform Fought For
Jacob Riis	Muckraker	<i>How the Other Half Lives</i>		Progressive who fought for the rights of poor immigrants living in tenements in NYC through the photography of the slums
Clarence Darrow	Legal	ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union)		Lawyer that defended many high profile people - Big Bill Haywood, Leopold and Loeb (they tried to commit the perfect murder) and John T. Scopes in the "Monkey Trial"
Henry Demarest Lloyd	Muckraker	<i>Wealth Against Commonwealth</i>		Attacked Standard Oil as part of the staff of the <i>Chicago Tribune</i> before Ida Tarbell did
John Dewey	Educator			"Father of Modern Education"; Reformer who fought for progressive education where the school is an institution of social reform & students could participate and interact with the curriculum
Lincoln Steffens	Muckraker	<i>The Shame of Cities</i>		Exposed the corruption that existed in municipal government; editor of <i>McClure's</i> magazine working with Ida Tarbell & Ray Stannard Baker
Herbert Croly	Muckraker	<i>The Promise of American Life</i>		Co-founder of the progressive magazine <i>The New Republic</i> ; his book attacked the government of Hamilton & Jefferson, as not doing enough to protect the average person (rejects laissez faire government)
David G Phillips	Muckraker	<i>The Great God Success</i>		Exposed the corruption on the Senate and worked to get the 17th Amendment passed
Ray Stannard Baker	Muckraker	Founded <i>The American Magazine</i>		Wrote for <i>McClure's</i> and founded <i>The American Magazine</i> ; focused on race relations
John Spargo	Socialist	Socialist Party of America		Biographer of Karl Marx; editor of the monthly magazine <i>The Comrade</i> and paid lecturer

Robert M. La Follette a.k.a "Battlin' Bob"	Politician	Progressive Republican & Wisconsin Progressive Party	US Senator, Representative & Governor of Wisconsin	Fought against entering World War I, League of Nations and breaking the power of trusts and Bosses in Wisconsin
Hiram W. Johnson	Politician	Progressive Republican & Bull Moose Party	Senator & Governor of CA	First governor to be elected in a Recall Election; fought against entering WW I & WW II (an isolationist), against the League of Nations & the United Nations, but was for the New Deal
Charles Evans Hughes	Politician	Republican	Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Governor of New York & Secretary of State	Moved New York away from Laissez Faire government
Louis D. Brandeis	Legal	<i>Other People's Money and How Bankers Use It</i>	Supreme Court Justice	Lawyer that helped to create the concept of "right to privacy", the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC); he pioneered "pro bono" work and is most famous for his <u>Brandeis Brief</u> which consolidated legal precedents into 3 pages and 100 pages of citations
Frances E. Willard	Prohibition	Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU)		Was able to get the 18th Amendment passed, making the nation "dry"; she also got the age of consent raised, worked for an 8 hour work day, prison reform, women's rights and was a Christian socialist
Upton Sinclair	Muckraker	<i>The Jungle</i>		Socialist that wrote a book attacking the meat packing industry; the pure Food and Drug Act and the Meat Inspection Act were passed by Congress in response to the book protecting the consumer
W.E.B. DuBois	Civil Rights	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)		Fought for immediate equality between whites and blacks as part of the Niagara Movement; he promoted the concept of the Talented Tenth where the best and brightest African Americans should represent their community to the public

Booker T. Washington	Civil Rights	"Atlanta Compromise"		Fought for gradual equality between whites and blacks as outlined in his Atlanta Compromise speech; whites were not ready for integration and blacks should pursue trades and the next generation pursue higher education
John Muir	Naturalist	Photographs of Yosemite Valley		Naturalist that worked to preserve Yosemite Valley and Sequoia National Park; he founded the environmentalist group the Sierra Club
Theodore Roosevelt or "TR" or Teddy Roosevelt	Politician	Republican & Bull Moose Party	President, Vice - President & Governor of New York	First progressive president; protected the consumer against trusts and railroads through his <u>Square Deal</u> & used the Big Stick Diplomacy as his foreign policy; he became known as the <u>Trust Buster</u> for the number of trusts he broke apart; under the progressive <u>Bull Moose Party</u> tried to run for a third term against Taft
William Howard Taft	Politician	Republican	President & Chief Justice of the Supreme Court	Hand picked by TR to be his successor as president; he broke up more trusts than TR did and used <u>Dollar Diplomacy</u> in his foreign policy; he disliked the limelight and infighting between the conservatives and progressives; the <u>Ballinger-Pinchott Affair</u> engulfed his administration
Woodrow Wilson	Politician	Democrat	President & Governor of New Jersey	Third and only progressive Democrat president; his domestic policy was the <u>New Freedom</u> where he fought to create a new banking system, income tax (16th Amendment), the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Clayton Anti-trust Act; he fought for the 14 Points at the Paris Peace Conference - the Irreconcilables defeated the treaty and America joining the League of Nations
"Mother Jones" a.k.a. Mary G. Harris Jones	Labor	Knights of Labor & United Mine Workers		After her husband and four children died of yellow fever and her dress shop was burned down in the Great Chicago Fire she began working as an organizer for the Knights of Labor and United Mine Workers; fought against child labor

Fredrick Jackson Turner	Historian	<i>Turner Thesis</i>		Historian that argued American democracy, its spirit and success was directly tied to the western frontier and not the east or European roots; the western frontier created the unique American characteristics or "American Exceptionalism"
William Allen White	Muckraker		Owner/Editor of the <i>Emporia Gazette</i>	Kansas newspaper editor that was known as the voice of middle America (Midwest); he fought for small town communities, was against isolation and for the the League of Nations; unsure of the New Deal
Frederic Howe	Polotican		Ohio Senator	Fought for suffrage, the interests of consumers; he was appointed to Head the Consumer's Council in the New Deal, but he associated himself with extreme left wing New Dealers and was labeled a "red" or communist which hurt his career
Albert J. Beveridge	Politican	Progressive Republican	Senator from Indiana	Strong imperilaist that backed the annexation of the Phillipines and the "White Man's Burden"; he fought for consumer protection and TR's Bull Moose Party;
William E. Borah a.k.a. the "Lion of Idaho"	Politican & Historian	Progressive Republic	Senator from Idaho	Independent that challenged Taft, but did not support TR's Bull Moose Party; isolationist Senator that rejected the Versailles Treaty and the Legue of Nations; he was the leader of the Irreconcilables which defeated the signing of the treaty ending WW I; moderate New Dealer
Walter Hines Page	Muckraker & Diplomat	<i>The Rebuilding of Old Commonwealths</i>	Editor of <i>The Atlantic Monthly</i>	Thought that class, race, religion or poverty should not be a barrier to education; supported entry into WW I, because we were defending democracy
Victoria Woodhull	Suffragist	National American Women's Suffrage Association		First woman to run for president (before sufferage) with the Equal Rights Party
Ida Tarbell	Muckraker	<i>History of Standard Oil</i>		Wrote a book <i>History of Standard Oil</i> that illustrated all the illegal activities that the Standard Oil Company did; wrote for McClure's with Ray Stannard Baker & Lincoln Steffens

Charlotte Perkins Gilman	Feminist & Muckraker			Feminist and muckraker that wrote a semi-autobiographical account of her post-partum depression in the short story <i>The Yellow Wallpaper</i> ; held radical ideas on gender relations, race and animals
Susan B. Anthony	Suffragist	National Women's Suffrage Association (NAWSA)		Quaker who joined the abolitionists movement and later fought for women's suffrage; arrested in 1872 for voting and refused to pay the fine, to pfrce the authorities to go to trial for publicity; first women depicted on US currency with the 1979 dollar coin
Jane Addams	Activist	Hull House		Founder of Hull House one of many settlement houses aimed to help poor immigrants; used her Christian faith to help others as part of the Social Gospel; fought for coordinated trash pick up within Chicago and women's rights; part of the Peace Movement
Alice Paul	Suffragist and Feminist; Started First Wave of Feminism	National Women's Party		Started in British suffrage movement; Started working with NAWSA in the US; organized the 1913; Women's Suffrage Procession; Paul's strong tactics forced her to leave NAWSA and founded the National Women's Party; after the passage pof the 19th Amendment, she fought for the ERA (Equal Rights Amendment)