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Study the vocabulary words and definitions below.

- 16th Amendment** established federal income tax
- 17th Amendment** gave voters right to vote directly for their United States senators
- 19th Amendment** gave women the right to vote in national elections
- city boss** the head of a political machine or group of politicians running local government
- direct primary** an election in which voters directly elect candidates from their political parties to run for an office
- Federal Reserve Act** established national currency and created a national system of banks under federal regulation
- Federal Trade Commission** federal agency that regulates business
- Hepburn Act** gave Interstate Commerce Commission power to regulate railroads operating in more than one state
- income tax** payment to the government based on the amount of money earned by an individual
- initiative** procedure in which voters initiate, or introduce, a bill in their state legislatures

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Meat Inspection Act required that all meat shipped from one state to another be approved by government inspectors

muckrakers writers who wrote about corruption in government and big business to bring about changes

**National Association for the
the Advancement of Colored**

People (NAACP) an organization that worked to end unfair practices against African Americans

National Urban League organization that worked to gain equal opportunities for African Americans in education and employment

Pendleton Act set up a Civil Service System for government jobs which required testing to make sure qualified individuals got jobs, not those who worked for the election winner

political machines powerful groups of people who controlled city government

Pure Food and Drug Act stopped manufacture, sale, or shipment of contaminated food and drugs in interstate trade; assured truth in labeling

progressives supporters of reform or change in the late 19th and early 20th century; worked for more government control, voting by secret ballot, limiting big business

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- recall** process that allows citizens to vote a public official from office
- referendum** a particular proposal (or bill) decided by a popular vote of the people, not the legislature
- secret ballot** a private vote
- settlement house** a community center that provided assistance to residents and immigrants in a slum neighborhood
- Sherman Antitrust Act** law that gave government the right to break up trusts; outlawed monopolies and trusts that interfered with free trade
- spoils system** the practice by a winning political party of rewarding friends and supporters by appointing them to government jobs
- suffrage** the right to vote
- trustbuster** nickname of President Theodore Roosevelt, who broke up many trusts during his time in office
- Workmen's Compensation laws** paid workers who were hurt on the job

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Who's Who in the Progressive Era

Jane Addams

William H. Taft

W. E. B. DuBois

Ida Tarbell

Theodore Roosevelt

Frances Willard

Lincoln Steffens

Woodrow Wilson

Upton Sinclair