

A new Progressive era??

due BY Friday, March 22

There are many who believe that America is experiencing another Gilded Age, and we may not have learned the lessons of history. America is not perfect, and some people are fed up.

Are you? What are the problems that exist in America today that bother YOU? Which problem do you feel needs to be better exposed, and better addressed?

~The problem can be social, political, or economic (and may involve all three!).

TASK: 1. Choose 1 issue in America today that you perceive to be a problem.

2. Find a photograph, political cartoon or image of the problem—you do not have to create it (but you may have to...and I ENCOURAGE you to!). Briefly describe what the image shows and why you chose/created it. The image can also show data, or even a detailed quote. Your description of the image should be no more than a paragraph!

3. *Become a modern-day muckraker!!* It is up to you how you want to go about exposing this problem. You may write an article, a letter, or a short story (fiction based on facts).

Whatever you decide, you must:

a) describe what the problem is—be as specific and detailed as possible (think about the muckraking literature we read)

b) why you think the issue is a problem and

c) how you propose to solve the problem.

*The written portion MUST be typed, approx. 2-3 pages long (12 pt font, 1" margins, no heading, with a title page).

*Include an MLA style works cited page of articles you read to get more information about the problem. You should have a minimum of 3 sources and a maximum of 5.

If you choose to write a letter I can help you figure out whom to actually send it! (If you want)

4. Have fun and don't get too covered in muck ☺