

## Fourth Grading Cycle Extra Credit Progressive Muckrakers

*The Progressive Era lasted from approximately 1890 to 1920. Its name derives from Progressivism, a broadly defined set of principles dedicated to reforming social problems to create a more balanced, ideal society. During the late 1800s, many people felt that American society faced an increasing number of serious problems. These problems included the negative effects of industrialization, unethical business monopolies, unequal distribution of wealth, political corruption, urban decay, worker exploitation, and unequal rights for groups such as African Americans, the poor, and women. Progressives theorized about and worked toward changing these and other social problems. Journalists played a significant role in the Progressive Era. Branded “muckrakers” by President Theodore Roosevelt, these reformer-writers ranged far, wide, and deep in their crusade to lay bare the muck of iniquity in American society.*

**Instructions:** Select a muckraker from the list below, research and take notes on important information about this person, and create a resume for the individual. The resume should be no longer than one page. You may consider using a resume template from Microsoft Word to assist you in formatting your resume. The final product must be typed.

Ida Tarbell	Jacob Riis
Upton Sinclair	Ray Stannard Baker
Lincoln Steffens	John Spargo
David G. Phillips	Lewis Hine

Use the following questions as a guideline when conducting the research of your chosen muckraker. Imagine how he or she would answer the questions.

1. What are your strengths and weaknesses?
2. What are your three most important/proudest accomplishments?
3. What motivates you?
4. In what way(s) are you innovative and proactive?
5. Who or what in your life would you say influenced you most?
6. What has been your most rewarding experience?

A basic resume contains the following information:

- I. Personal Information
  - a. Name
  - b. Mailing Address
- II. Work History
  - a. The most recent job should be listed first
  - b. Provide a brief description of the job
  - c. Emphasize accomplishments achieved and awards won
- III. Education
  - a. List the most recent degree first
  - b. Emphasize accomplishments achieved and awards won
- IV. Skills
- V. Personal Interests or Information

**Due:** The assignment is due \_\_\_\_\_. The assignment will not be accepted late.