

# Vocabulary

- Muckraker: A journalist who exposed scandals and misconduct in public life.



- Union- A labor union is an organization of workers formed for the purpose of advancing its members' interests, in respect to wages, benefits and working conditions.
- Collective Bargaining- A way for unions to negotiate with management for workers as a group.
- Progressives- A political party made up of reformers with a belief in the good of all people.

- Settlement Houses- community centers that provided day care for the young children, education for the young and old, and classes to help immigrants assimilate.

# Progressive Presidents

# Theodore Roosevelt (TR)

- Trust Buster- a person who works to destroy monopolies and trusts. TR brought lawsuits against several large trusts and won.
- 1<sup>st</sup> president to side with strikers in a union dispute, The Pennsylvania Coal Miners. Forced mine owners to negotiate.

# TR

- The Square Deal- promised Americans that everyone should have the same opportunity to succeed. Promised to make changes in the working and living conditions faced by the poor.
- Conservation- protection of national resources. Formed the U.S. Forest Service and set aside thousands of acres for National Parks

# William Howard Taft

- Quiet and cautious
- Broke up more trusts than TR
- Approved safety rules for mines
- Signed laws giving government workers the 8-hour work day
- Oversaw the creation of a federal office to make regulations controlling child labor
- Lost Progressive support by the end of his presidency because he raised taxes and modified conservation policies



# Woodrow Wilson

- New Freedom- wanted to restore free competition among American corporations
- Created the Federal Trade Commission- had the power to investigate companies and order them to stop using unfair practices to destroy competitors.
- Clayton Antitrust Act- banned some business practices that limited competition and stopped the laws from being used against unions.