

Progressive Era Research Report

We have been exploring two of the major areas of Progressive reform between 1880-1920, child labor and working women. As we have seen these topics are related to a variety of other areas that Progressives hoped to reform. You will now select one of the other areas of reform to research and complete a persuasive research report.

You will need to answer the following questions in a 2 page report.

- How might your topic be related to working women and children?
- What evidence can you find of this being a problem during the time period?
- What attempts of reform of this topic were there in Illinois or the nation? How successful were these reforms?
- Why might some people have opposed reforming this topic?
- How can you see this topic in today's society? Has it been properly addressed or is it a problem still today?

Topics Options

- Women
 - property ownership rights
 - independence and divorce rights
 - suffrage
- Immigrant rights, speaking English
- Food and drug safety
- Employment Rights
 - Working Hours
 - Minimum wages
 - Workers rights, unions, strikes
 - Workplace safety (lighting, air quality, cramped conditions, fire)
- Monopolies
- Housing conditions
- Health care and diseases
- Education, illiteracy
- Temperance (banning liquor) and/or Vice (prostitution and gambling)
- Family abandonment by husbands
- Political power for average citizens