

Warm-Up: Progressive Era Problems

Child Labor



Filth



Homelessness



Poverty

The Progressive Era was a time of great energy. Middle Class reformers worked hard to correct the problems of society such as poverty and alcohol abuse. Some reformers tried to limit the abuses of government such as the Spoils System and they campaigned hard to give everyone the right to vote. Still others tried to bring reform by ending unemployment and limiting the power of the huge monopolies and corporations. Lastly, many citizens worked to save our natural resources. Impure food and water and diminishing natural resources were threatening the health and well-being of American citizens.

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1. What do the problems in the picture have in common (other than showing poor people)?
 2. What economic problems were present during the Progressive Era?
 3. What political problems were present during the Progressive Era?
 4. Which of the problems listed in the above reading are still around today?
 5. What is one problem with America you would like to see solved right now?