Research Project
How Progressive Was the Progressive Movement?

In this research project, students will access, evaluate, and analyze multiple sources to answer the question “How progressive was the Progressive movement?” Students will also share their learning in order to evaluate the effectiveness of Progressive reform movements. We will have research resources available for student use both in the classroom and at home. Students should use these resources to identify claims and evidence in the source (part of Close Reading) and to increase understanding of these topics of study.

Research Topics

As you entered the classroom, you should have received a card indicating which topic you are going to be researching in this project. You will need to work with your partners to research the topic and complete a poster. The poster will be shared with the class and will help us answer the question: “How Progressive Was the Progressive Movement?” The topics that the class, as a whole, will be researching are:

- Political Reform
- African American Rights
- Mexican American Rights
- Industry, Wealth, and Taxation
- Urban Living
- Labor Issues & Unions
- Child Labor
- Women’s Rights

You will have a little more than a class period to work with your partners, research your topic, and create your poster. It may be necessary for you to complete some work outside of class, too.

Posters

Each poster must be neat, include at least three drawings, photos or images, and include the following:

1. **Title** – What is the issue you researched?
2. **Description of Issue**: Describe the issue. What is the problem or issue that the Progressives wanted to address?
3. **Progressive Action & Reforms**: The Progressives took pride in the fact that they tried to help create greater equality in American society. They wanted to make a difference and bring great change. What did the Progressives do to help fix this problem? To what extent did Progressive actions and reforms address the problem(s)?
4. **Effectiveness**: Were the Progressives successful in bringing about positive change? Did they improve conditions? Did they bring about greater equality? Why or why not? Please note: This section is more complicated than you may initially think. The Progressives may have been successful in some areas and not in others. Please make sure your research and analysis is complete.

Research

You will have 1 and a half days to research and create your poster. Our fabulous media specialists have created a website that will have A LOT of information on it. There will be links to MCPS documents, ebooks, related database articles, and useful general websites. While you may use your own research (including your textbook at home), please take advantage of this valuable resource that Ms. Flaherty created. Be sure to thank Ms. Flaherty for her hard work pulling this together for us as it will save you a lot of time!