

# Muckrakers



# The Big Idea



✧ Muckrakers, or journalists who exposed governmental corruption and abuses of big business, played vital roles in the Progressive movement.

# Lincoln Steffens



❧ The Shame of the  
Cities

❧ Brought the  
negative impact  
political  
machines have on  
societies to the  
national agenda.



# Jacob Riis



❧ How the Other  
Half Lives

❧ Collected  
photographs of  
tenement life that  
shocked middle-  
class Americans.















# Ida M. Tarbell



- ❧ The History of the Standard Oil Company
- ❧ Attacked the business practices of the oil monopoly and inflamed the call for government regulation.



# Upton Sinclair



✧ Spent several months investigating the working conditions of the Chicago, Illinois, meatpacking industry, which employed thousands of poorly paid workers, many of whom were immigrants. His findings became the basis of his 1906 serialized novel *The Jungle*.



# Modern Day Muckraking Example



# Order of Operations



Complete the  
Muckrakers Packet