The Roots of Progressivism Reading Questions

Progressives tried to solve the social problems that arose as

the United States became an urban, industrialized nation.

DBQ (pg. 521)

1. What effect do Riis’s photos convey?

2. Read the quotation above. how could you summarize Riis’s views on changing life in the slums?

Q: Who were the muckrakers and how did they help spark the Progressive movement?

Q: What was the impact of the Seventeenth Amendment? What problem was it intended to solve?

Analyzing Visuals (pg. 523)

1. In what form of government do voters elect the City Council?

2. In a mayor-council form of government, who is responsible to carry out policy?

Q: How successful were women in lobbying for the Nineteenth Amendment?

Analyzing Timelines (pg. 525)

1. In what state or territory were women first granted the right to vote?

2. What region of the nation seemed most willing to grant woman suffrage without a national amendment?

Analyzing Visuals (pg. 526)

1. What do you observe about the efforts at fighting the fire in the photo at left?

2. What clues in the photo at right suggest that at least some of the women who died were immigrants?

Q: How well did women organize to fight for voting rights and against alcohol abuse?

EXPLAIN, in complete sentences, the significance of each of the following:

1. muckrakers
2. Jacob Riis
3. Robert M. La Follette
4. direct primary
5. initiative
6. referendum
7. recall
8. suffrage
9. Carrie Chapman Catt
10. prohibition

Q: How did democracy in the United States change after the integration of the ideas of initiative, referendum, and recall?

Q: What key provision did the Nineteenth Amendment make?