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Era 7: The Emergence of Modern America (1890-1930)

The study of how the modern United States emerged begins with the Progressive era. It deserves careful study because, among other things, it included the nation's most vibrant set of reform ideas and campaigns since the 1830s-40s. Progressives were a diverse lot with various agendas that sometimes jostled uneasily, but all reformers focused on a set of corrosive problems arising from rapid industrialization, urbanization, waves of immigration, and business and political corruption. Students can be inspired by how fervently the Progressives applied themselves to the renewal of American democracy. They can also profit from understanding the distinctively female reform culture that contributed powerfully to the movement.

Standard 1: How Progressives and others addressed problems of industrial capitalism, urbanization, and political corruption.

Standard 1A: The student understands the origin of the Progressives and the coalitions they formed to deal with issues at the local and state levels.

Standard 1B: The student understands Progressivism at the national level.

Standard 1C: The student understands the limitations of Progressivism and the alternatives offered by various groups.

Standard 2: The changing role of the United States in world affairs through World War I.

Standard 2A: The student understands how the American role in the world changed in the early 20th century.

Standard 2B: The student understands the causes of World War I and why the United States intervened.

Standard 2C: The student understands the impact at home and abroad of the United States involvement in World War I.

Standard 3: How the United States changed from the end of World War I to the eve of the Great Depression.

Standard 3A: The student understands social tensions and their consequences in the postwar era.

Standard 3B: The student understands how a modern capitalist economy emerged in the 1920s.

Standard 3C: The student understands how new cultural movements reflected and changed American society.

Standard 3D: The student understands politics and international affairs in the 1920s.

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