The Progressive Era – and a caution about the term *progress*

1. The convergence of those trying to reestablish balance  
   - middle class (means?)  
   - experts  
   - women (Example: Jane Addams, a precursor of the Progressive movement)

- religious leaders (Example: Social Gospel, Washington Gladden and Walter Rauchenbusch)  
- muckrakers (Example: Ida Tarbell, Lincoln Steffens, and Upton Sinclair  
- “laboratories of democracy” – “good government” and efficiency movements  
 city – Example: commission (Galveston, TX) and the city manager (Staunton, VA)  
 state – Example: Wisconsin (Robert LaFollette) and California  
 public power – initiative, referendum, recall, direct primaries  
[Link to the prior chronologies](http://www.cjbibus.com/Topics_1302_Gilded_Age_Chapter_19.pdf)

[Link to current chronology](http://www.cjbibus.com/1901_1914_McKinley_to_Wilson.htm)  
[Snapshot from the 1870s to 1920s](http://www.cjbibus.com/1870-1920_Snapshot_printable.pdf) (PDF) (a comparison between 1870s-1890s, 1895 to about 1920, and the Jazz Age (the 1920s)

1. Pattern of labor events  
   - Background on law and the Supreme Court –1905 *Lochner* case   
   - 1902 Square Deal – anthracite coal strike and innovative use of Presidential power   
    and the 3 C’s – control of corporations, conservation, and consumerism  
   - 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in New York City  
   - 1914 Ludlow Massacre in Colorado  
   - 1914 The labor side of Clayton Anti-trust Act[[1]](#endnote-1)
2. Pattern of business events (financial capitalism, trusts, regulation, child labor)   
   - The ranges: TR’s Pure Food and Drugs Act to WW’s Federal Reserve Act  
   - Business (open shops, paternalism, Taylorism, injunctions, Public Relations)  
   - Northern Securities – how done  
   - TR’s good-trusts concepts and WW’s Federal Trade Commission   
   - Federal Reserve Act
3. The old and new groups  
   - The ranges: TR and B.T. Washington and the 1906 “Yellow Peril,” TR and the 1912 election, and WW’s segregation (a view held by Progressives other than WW)  
   - NAACP and *The Crisis*  
   - Women  
   - New - Consumerism[[2]](#endnote-2)–and how it related to the new regulation
4. Populists’ legacy – Constitutional Changes  
   - 16th - income tax and its connection to the Populists and the Underwood-Simmons Tariff   
   - 17th - direct election of Senators

1. Not in your textbook, but useful to notice. “In regard to labor and agriculture, the act specified that ‘the labor of a human being is **not a commodity** or article of commerce; nothing contained in the antitrust laws shall be construed to forbid the existence and operation of labor, agricultural and horticultural organization … nor shall such organizations be held or construed as illegal combinations….’” Further: **no “injunctions” against them unless “to prevent injury to property**,”   
   “strikes, peaceful picketing, and boycotts **legal** under federal jurisdiction.” *Encyclopedia of American History,* p. 38 [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. Called “Consumer Culture” in your textbook. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)