

Unit 4 Study Guide

Unit 4 – Unions

Factories	Workers
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Owned by big corporations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Made very little money
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Owners got very rich	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Very unsafe at work
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Did not know or care about employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Not treated fairly

Haymarket Square Incident – 1886

Cause	SO	Effect
People were angry about working conditions	→	Workers held a peaceful protest
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Someone threw a bomb at the police	→	Leaders of the rally were arrested, put in jail and put to death

Labor Union – organized group of workers who used their strength (numbers) to demand better working conditions.

1. Fair pay
2. Safe work place
3. Better working conditions

Samuel Gompers – started the American Federation of Labor



Radicals:

Socialists: wanted the government to take over businesses that affected most citizens like railroads, electric power, and telephones

Anarchists: didn't believe in any government at all

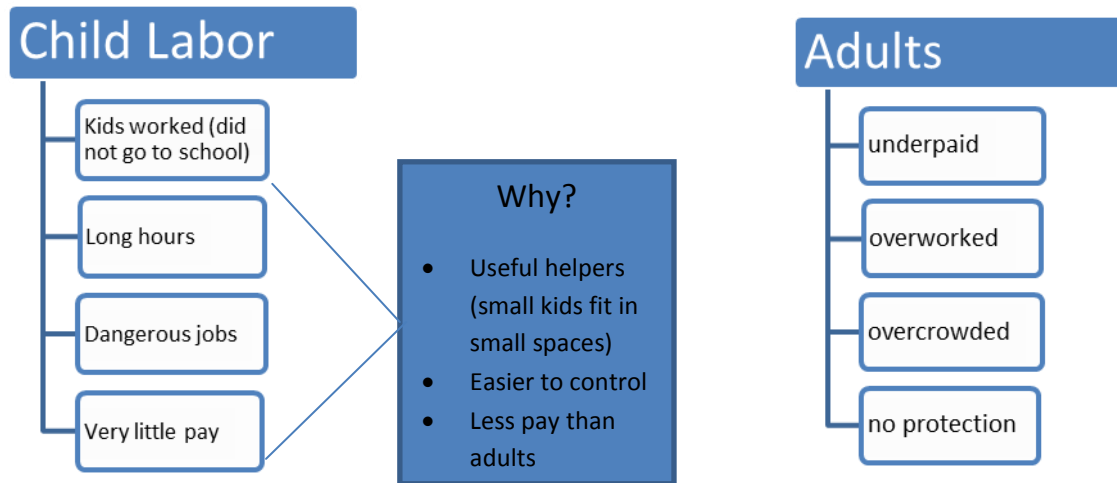
Both wanted to make big changes and reorganize society

First to start labor movements

American Federation of Labor- Fought to improve working conditions, wages, and work safety. Used strikes to get eight hour work day, safety reforms, and the right to collective bargaining.

Triangle Shirtwaist Fire- caught fire in 1911- 240 employees sewing on the 9th floor when the fire broke out. Many people died. It focused public attention on working conditions. Helped the labor movement get some of the changes it had been demanding.

Workers had no Rights



People who helped

Mother Jones – “adopted” workers like kids and immigrants. She

1. made people aware of working conditions for children
2. made businesses and government ashamed of their actions.

At the turn of the century, the country was experiencing lots of growth in industrialization and urbanization. There were lots of different cultures, lots of government corruption. The American people needed information and this was done through Free Press.

The Fourth Branch of Government



If we are to govern ourselves, as we do in our democracy, we need to be informed. That's the role of the **media**.

Muckrakers

Muck is dirt. Muckrakers were journalists who wrote about wrongs: about injustice, unfairness, and corruption. They wrote about the mighty industrial tycoons, about how some of them broke the law and got away with it, and why that cost the public great sums of money.

Muckrakers what did they have in common?

- They wrote unusually well
- They did careful research
- They CARED.

They cared about making this country a better place.



Samuel Sidney(S.S) McClure

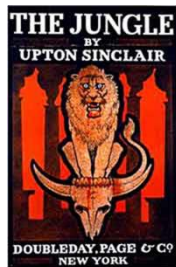
- Made it possible for good writers to earn a living writing investigative articles and exposes.
- Founded McClure magazine, editor.
- Hiring good writers and paying them well.



Ida Tarbell

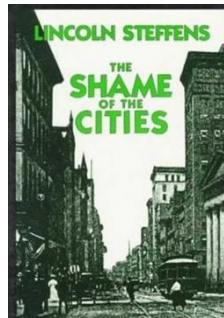
- Exposed the business practices of John D. Rockefeller and his Standard Oil Company trust.
- Supreme Court dissolved the Standard Oil trust and antitrust laws were enforced.
- Worked for SS McClure

Upton Sinclair *Aimed for America's heart and instead hit its*



stomach.

- *Exposed Meat-packing factories filthy ways of butchering and preparing meats.*
- *Pure Food and Drug Act and the Meat Inspection Act to curb these sickening abuses*



Lincoln Steffens

- *Exposed Corruption in city governments.*
- *Steffens showed that crime was also found in middle class and rich.*

What is a National Park??

- An area of scenic beauty, historical importance, which is owned and maintained by a national government for the use of the people.



JOHN MUIR

- Loved nature
- Convinced Americans of the need to conserve the land
- Wanted lots of land to be untouched just as they were created

VIDEO FOR MORE INFORMATION

<http://viewpure.com/LkZNgV-Mqoo>



Jane Addams

Hull House created by Jane Addams in Chicago:

Settlement houses served immigrants who needed help getting settled in their new country

Settlement House

- Improve the lives of the immigrants and the poor
- Give them skills and opportunities to succeed (English classes, child care, education)
- Motivation: For the sake of helping them

City Bosses

- Offered services for immigrants
- Answered questions, helped find jobs, gave out food on holidays, etc.
- Some controlled lives of immigrants, stole from people
- Motivation: Win loyalty of the people so they could take advantage of them and gain wealth.

Other than establishing the Hull House, Jane Addams helped in many ways

- Helped get child labor laws passed
- Built the 1st Chicago public playground
- Helped get the 1st juvenile court established
- In 1931, when she was 71, Jane Addams was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize—the first American woman to be so honored.

Changes: Rural to Urban

- Fewer and fewer Americans farmed their own lands.
- People were moving to cities to find jobs and opportunities
- With the growth of the cities came crime, poverty, and other problems.

Growth of a Nation

The 1900 census showed America had **76.2 million** people. No other nation had ever grown so fast.

Progressive Goals

- Easing the suffering of the poor
- Improving unfair and dangerous work conditions
- Reforming government on all levels, remove corruption

Things were not going well in America, and it was **TIME FOR CHANGE**