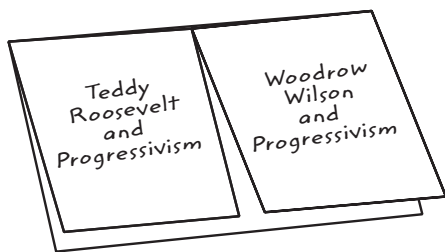


The Progressive Spirit and the Presidency

TOPIC SUMMARY

Teddy Roosevelt’s administration from 1901 to 1909 introduced a new model for the American presidency. Before taking office, Roosevelt had taken a leading role in Progressive reforms in the state of New York. That, and the fact of his own ebullient personality, led him to take an activist and optimistic view of the government role in American life. The administrations of William Taft and Woodrow Wilson also reflected the ideas of Progressivism.

Compare and Contrast

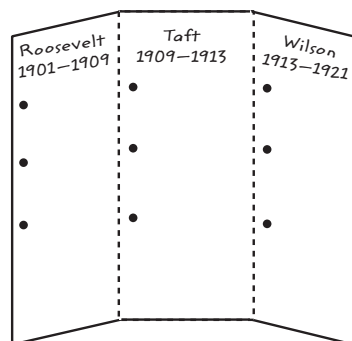


Two-Tab Book

Students will be able to sharpen their understanding of Progressivism by making this Foldable. After they have studied the presidencies of both Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson, students should create a Two-Tab Book with information on the Progressive aspects of their administrations. The information should include a brief description of each man’s views on the role of government, and a short list of his Progressive policies.

Materials Needed: one sheet of 8.5" by 11" paper, scissors.

Categorizing Progressive Presidents

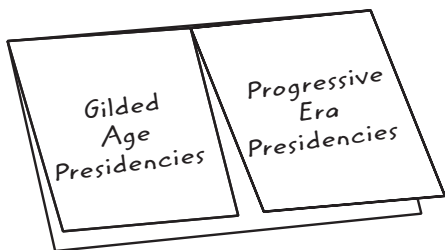


Trifold Book

Three presidents can be said to represent the Progressive era. Have students create a Trifold Book to aid in their study of how Progressivism changed during the administrations of Theodore Roosevelt, William Taft, and Woodrow Wilson. For each administration, students can list: the dates of each man’s presidency, the domestic issues, the foreign issues, and any Progressive accomplishments.

Materials Needed: one sheet of 11" by 17" paper.

Summarizing Progressivism’s Impact



Two-Tab Book

Have students create a Two-Tab Book with labels of *Gilded Age Presidencies* and *Progressive Era Presidencies*. Students should name the Presidents of the Gilded Age, roughly from 1877 to 1896, and describe their political, economic, and social policies. These can be contrasted with political, economic, and social policies of Presidents during the Progressive era.

Materials Needed: one sheet of 11" by 17" paper.