The Muckrakers Quiz

Part I – Matching

Directions: Match each muckraker or term in Column A with the correct description in Column B. Write the letter of the correct answer on the blank.

Column A	Column B
1. _____ Upton Sinclair	**A.** Wrote about political corruption in American cities
2. _____ Ida Tarbell	**B.** A journalist who investigated & exposed social and political Problems
3. _____ Jacob Riis	**C.** Wrote about the poor living conditions of immigrants in cities
4. _____ Lincoln Steffens	**D.** Investigated and criticized the Standard Oil Company
5. _____ Muckraker	**E.** A book that exposed problems in the meatpacking industry
6. _____ *The Jungle*	**F.** A book that described poverty and poor housing conditions in cities
7. _____ *How the Other Half Lives*	**G.** Wrote *The Jungle*
8. _____ *History of the Standard Oil Company*	**H.** A work that exposed the business practices of Standard Oil

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Part II – Multiple Choice

Directions: Choose the best answer.

9. What was a muckraker?
   - A. A factory owner who supported reform
   - B. A journalist who exposed corruption and social problems
   - C. A politician who opposed Progressivism
   - D. A worker who refused to join a union

10. During which period were muckrakers especially influential?
   - A. The Colonial Era
   - B. The Civil War
   - C. The Progressive Era
   - D. The Great Depression

11. What was one major goal of muckrakers?
   - A. To expose problems and encourage reform
   - B. To increase the power of political machines
   - C. To prevent people from reading newspapers
   - D. To support unsafe working conditions

12. What did Upton Sinclair's *The Jungle* expose?
   - A. Corruption in city governments
   - B. Poor conditions in the meatpacking industry
   - C. Problems in the railroad industry
   - D. Conditions in public schools

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13. What was one important result of the public reaction to *The Jungle*?

A. Increased support for federal food safety laws
B. The end of all meat production
C. The creation of political machines
D. The elimination of newspapers

14. What did Ida Tarbell investigate?

A. The Standard Oil Company
B. The American Civil War
C. The women's suffrage movement
D. The banking system of the 1930s

15. What was the main subject of Jacob Riis's *How the Other Half Lives*?

A. The lives of wealthy industrialists
B. Poor living conditions among immigrants and the urban poor
C. The growth of western farming
D. The development of railroads

16. Lincoln Steffens became well known for writing about:

A. Political corruption in American cities
B. The construction of the Panama Canal
C. Women's suffrage
D. The American Revolution

17. Why were muckrakers important to the Progressive movement?

A. They helped bring attention to problems that reformers wanted to address.
B. They prevented Americans from learning about social problems.
C. They supported political corruption.
D. They opposed all government reforms.

18. Which of the following was a common problem exposed by muckrakers?

A. Too much public transportation
B. C. Excessive voting rights
C. Unsafe working conditions
D. A shortage of political parties

19. How did muckrakers influence public opinion?

A. By investigating problems and publishing information about them
B. By preventing newspapers from publishing criticism
C. By controlling the federal government
D. By ending the Progressive movement

20. Which statement best describes the relationship between muckrakers and Progressive reformers?

A. Muckrakers exposed problems that often encouraged Progressive reforms.
B. Muckrakers and Progressives always opposed one another.
C. Muckrakers wanted to eliminate all government regulation.
D. Muckrakers were primarily industrialists who opposed reform.

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