


The Progressive Era

1890–1920


Tabs

- Economic
- Social
- Political

Georgia standards

- ▶ **SSUSH13 The student will identify major efforts to reform American society and politics in the Progressive Era.**
 - ▶ a. Explain Upton Sinclair's *The Jungle* and federal oversight of the meatpacking industry.
 - ▶ b. Identify Jane Addams and Hull House and describe the role of women in reform movements.
 - ▶ c. Describe the rise of Jim Crow, *Plessy v. Ferguson*, and the emergence of the NAACP.
 - ▶ d. Explain Ida Tarbell's role as a muckraker.
 - ▶ e. Describe the significance of progressive reforms such as the initiative, recall, and referendum; direct election of senators; reform of labor laws; and efforts to improve living conditions for the poor in cities.
 - ▶ f. Describe the conservation movement and the development of national parks and forests; include the role of Theodore Roosevelt.
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Vocabulary

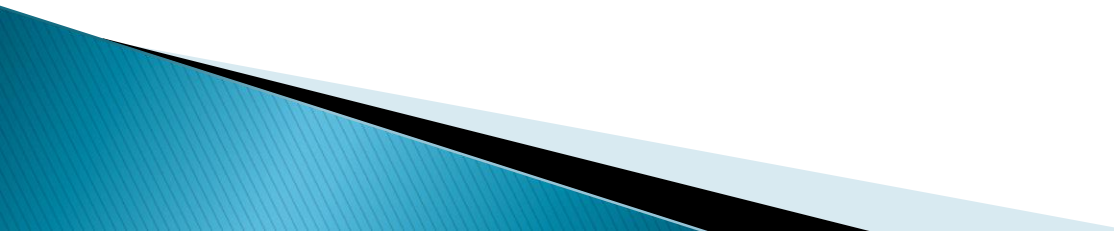
- ▶ Reform—to change
 - ▶ Progressives--individuals who believed that industrialization and urbanization had created social, economic and political problems.
 - ▶ Muckraker—Socially conscious journalists and other writers dramatized the need for reform.
 - ▶ Initiative—process giving citizens the right to suggest new law directly to vote on
 - ▶ Referendum—allows citizens to approve or reject a law passed by the legislature
 - ▶ Recall—voters can remove elected officials from office before their terms end.
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Who were the “progressives”?

- ▶ * Progressives – individuals who believed that industrialization and urbanization had created social, economic and political problems.
- ▶ * Progressives intended to use government to bring about reform.



Small Group Presentation

1. Upton Sinclair (p 556)
 2. Ida Tarbell (p. 551)
 3. Jane Addams (p. 552)
 4. Jim Crow (p. 520)
 5. Plessy v. Ferguson (p. 521)
 6. NAACP (p. 567)
 7. Black voters (p. 520–521)
 8. Theodore Roosevelt (p. 572–573)
 9. Voters/new laws (p. 185, 555)
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▶ ECONOMIC REFORM

muckrakers

► What are Muckrakers?

◦ (student responses)

THE MUCK RAKE AND SOME OF THE MUCK.



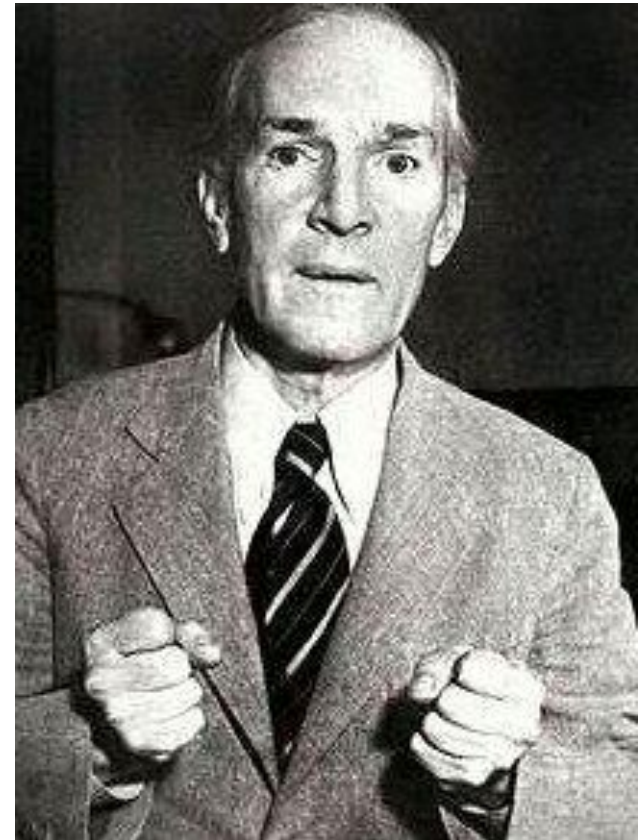


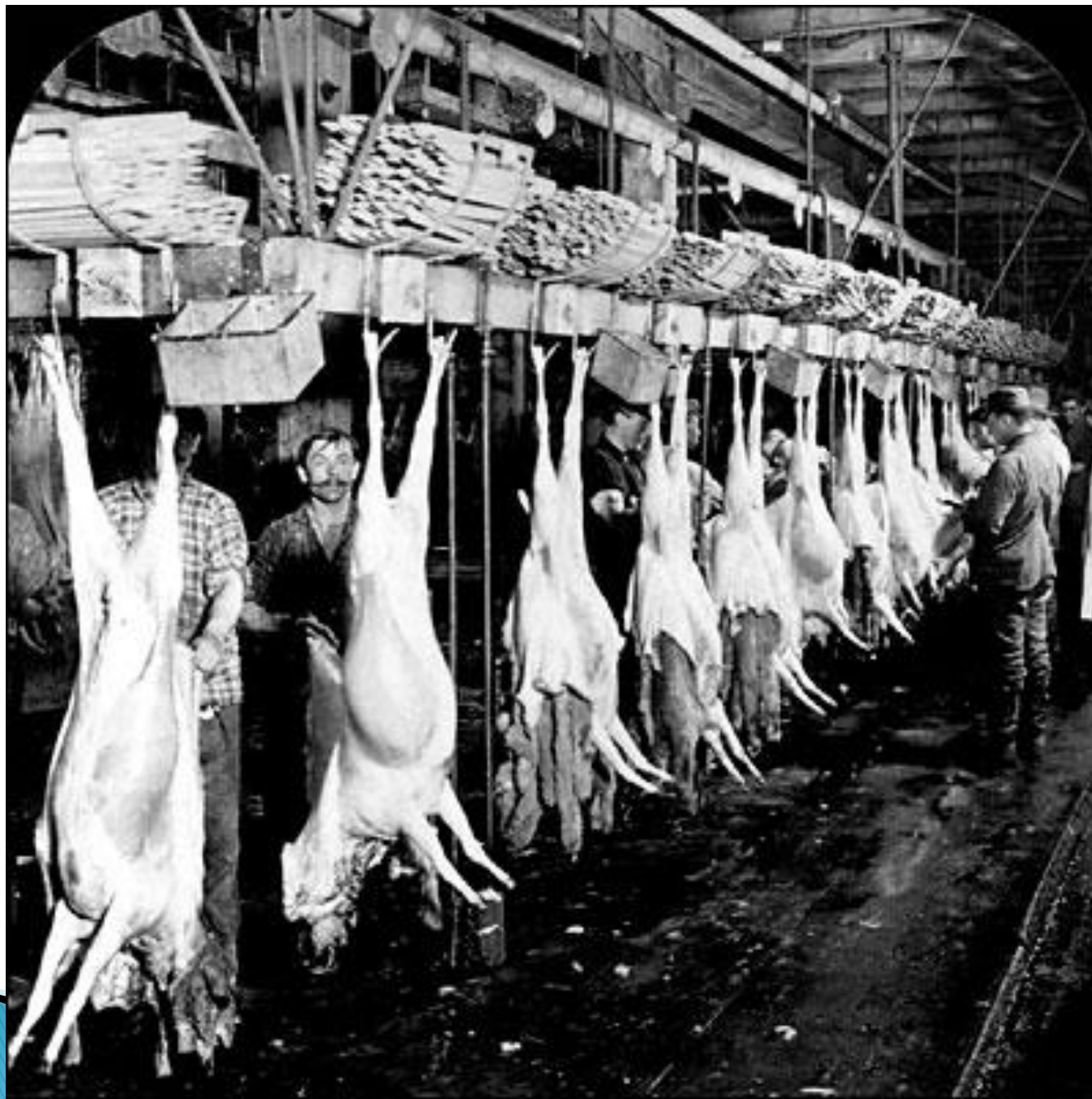
A NAUSEATING JOB, BUT IT MUST BE DONE

President Roosevelt takes hold of the investigating truck-rats himself in the parking-house scandal.

Upton Sinclair's "The jungle"

- Upton Sinclair – "The Jungle"
 - passed Food and Drug Act to (improve safety of edible products).







Muckraker

- Ida Tarbell – against Rockefeller
 - Standard Oil Trust
 - No trusts or monopolies



► Social Reform

Poor women and children

- ▶ Jane Addams – Hull House”.
 - educational opportunities, job training and child-care



Hull house



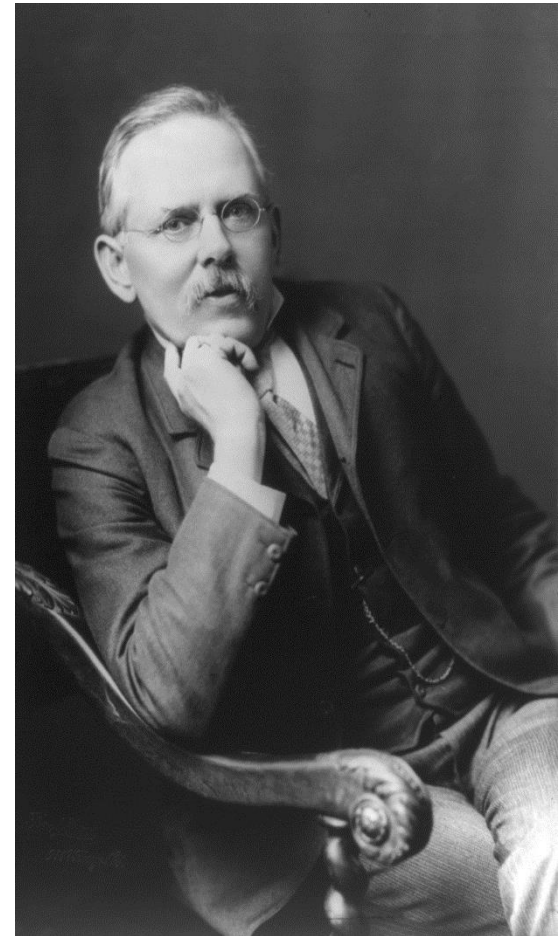
Hull house



- ▶ **How the other half lives”**
 - **Who are the other half?**
- ▶ **(student response)**

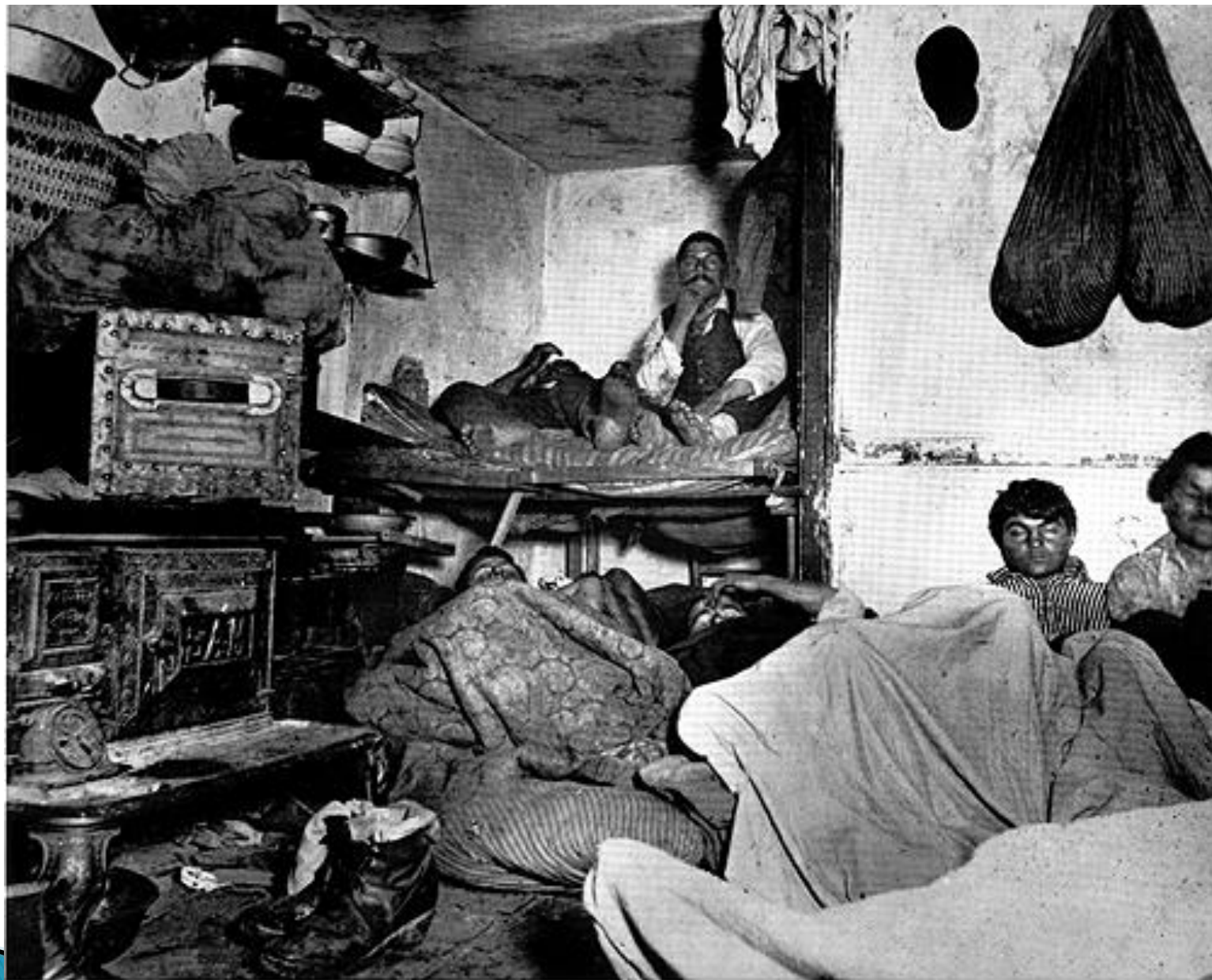
“How The Other Half Lives”

- Jacob Riis–
 - Book of photographs about poor people living conditions
 - Brought reform to poorest neighborhoods.









▶ What is segregation?

▶ (student response)

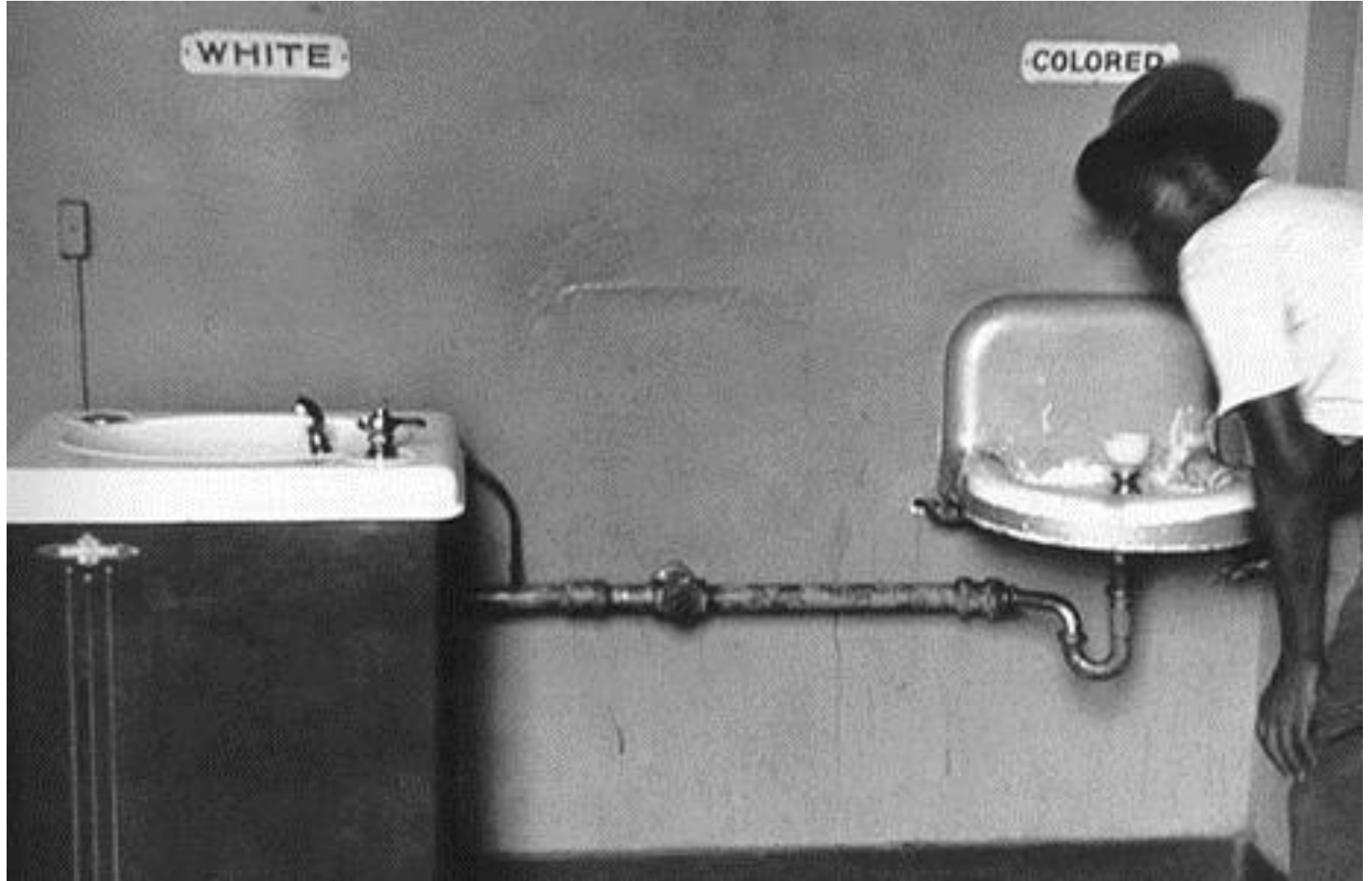
African Americans in South

- “Jim Crow Laws” –
- Racial segregation (blacks and whites)
 - Public facilities
- deny suffrage—15th Amendment
 - 1. poll taxes
 - 2. literacy tests
 - 3. grandfather clauses
- Plessy v. Ferguson—“separate but equal”









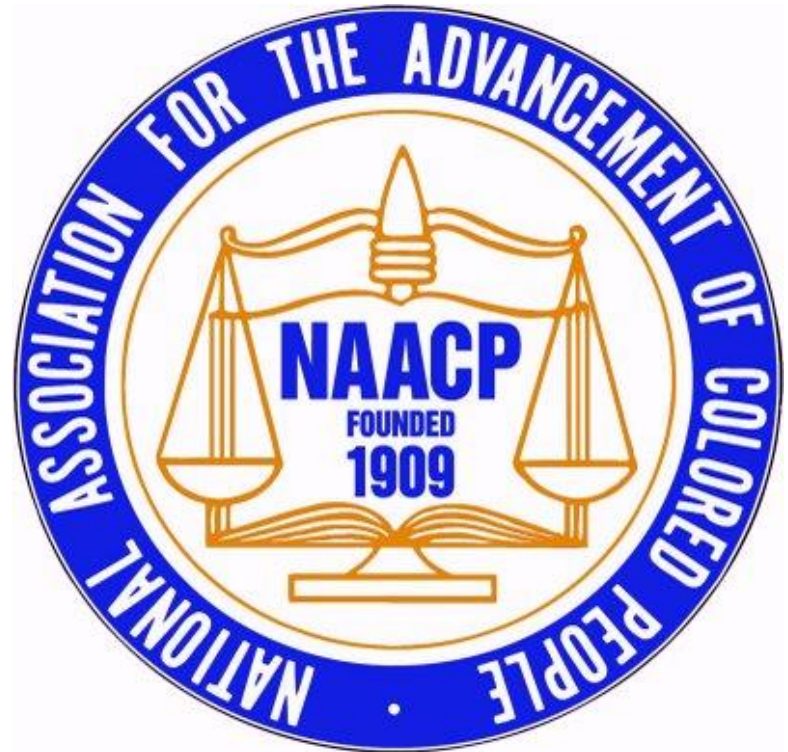
WE SERVE
WHITE'S *only*
NO
SPANISH *or* MEXICANS



Property of Birmingham Public Library

Naacp fights racial segregation

- ▶ **NAACP--end to racial discrimination (all around the nation)**
 - Whites and Blacks
 - highlight “lynching”









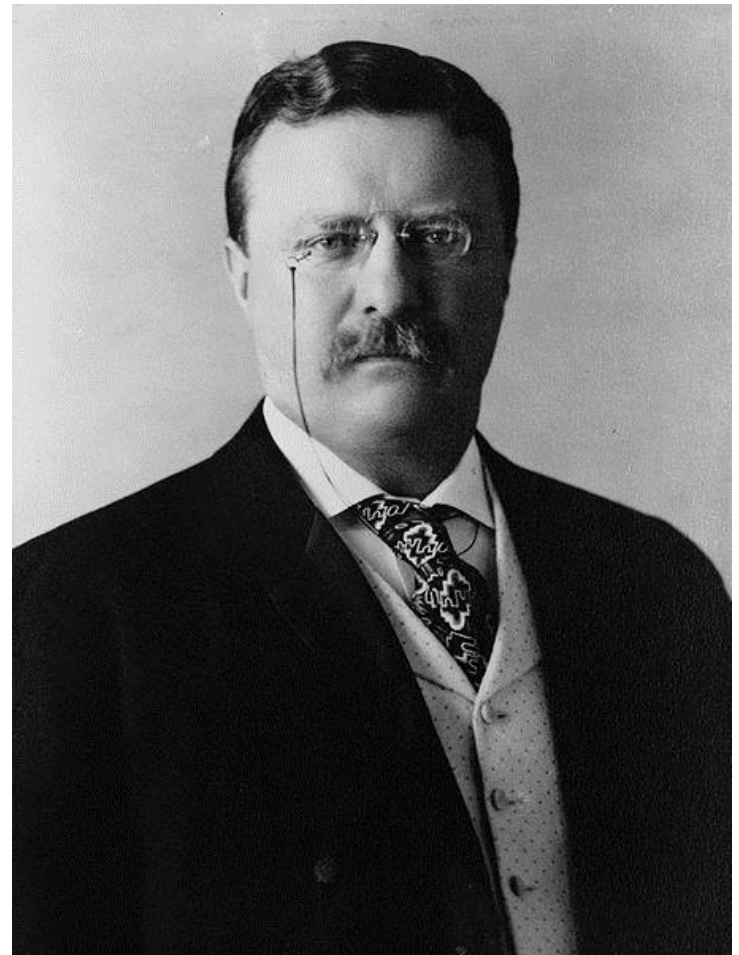
▶ POLITICAL REFORM

VOTERS GAIN MORE POWER

- A series of **legislation passed** during the Progressive Era gave **voters more say in how government operated.**
- Initiative – gave people the power to propose a new law through petition
- Referendum – allowed citizens to approve or reject laws passed by Congress
- Recall – gave voters the ability to remove corrupt public servants from office before their term ended
- Prior to 1913, US Senators were appointed by state legislatures. However when the 17th amendment is ratified, voters began ***directly*** electing US Senators themselves.

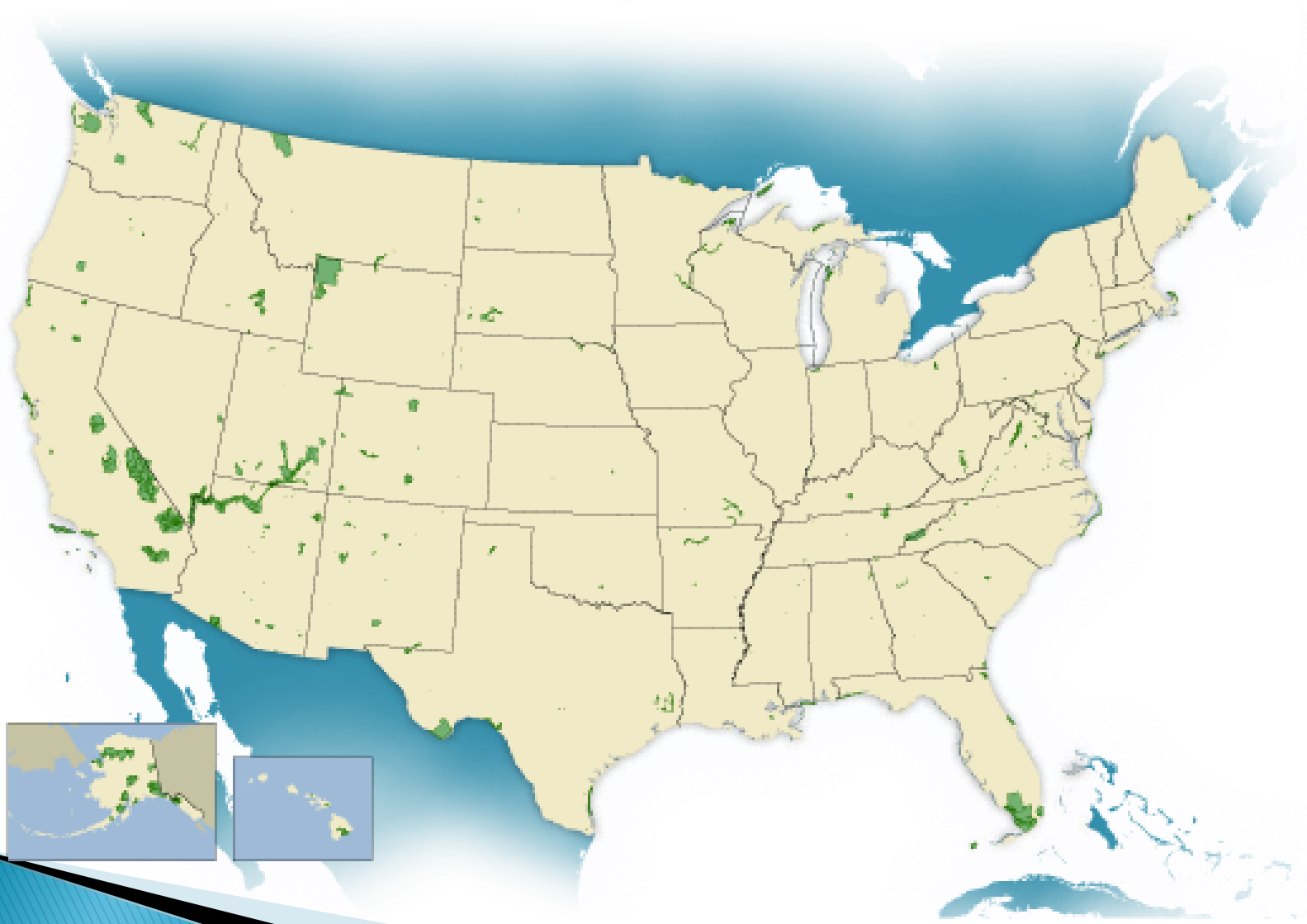
Roosevelt and the conservation movement

- **Theodore Roosevelt** – President of the US (1901–1909)
- Roosevelt created the **National Park System** that set aside millions of acres of wilderness areas to protect American wildlife and forests.
- This system of “conservation” sought to limit industrial influence on the natural landscape.

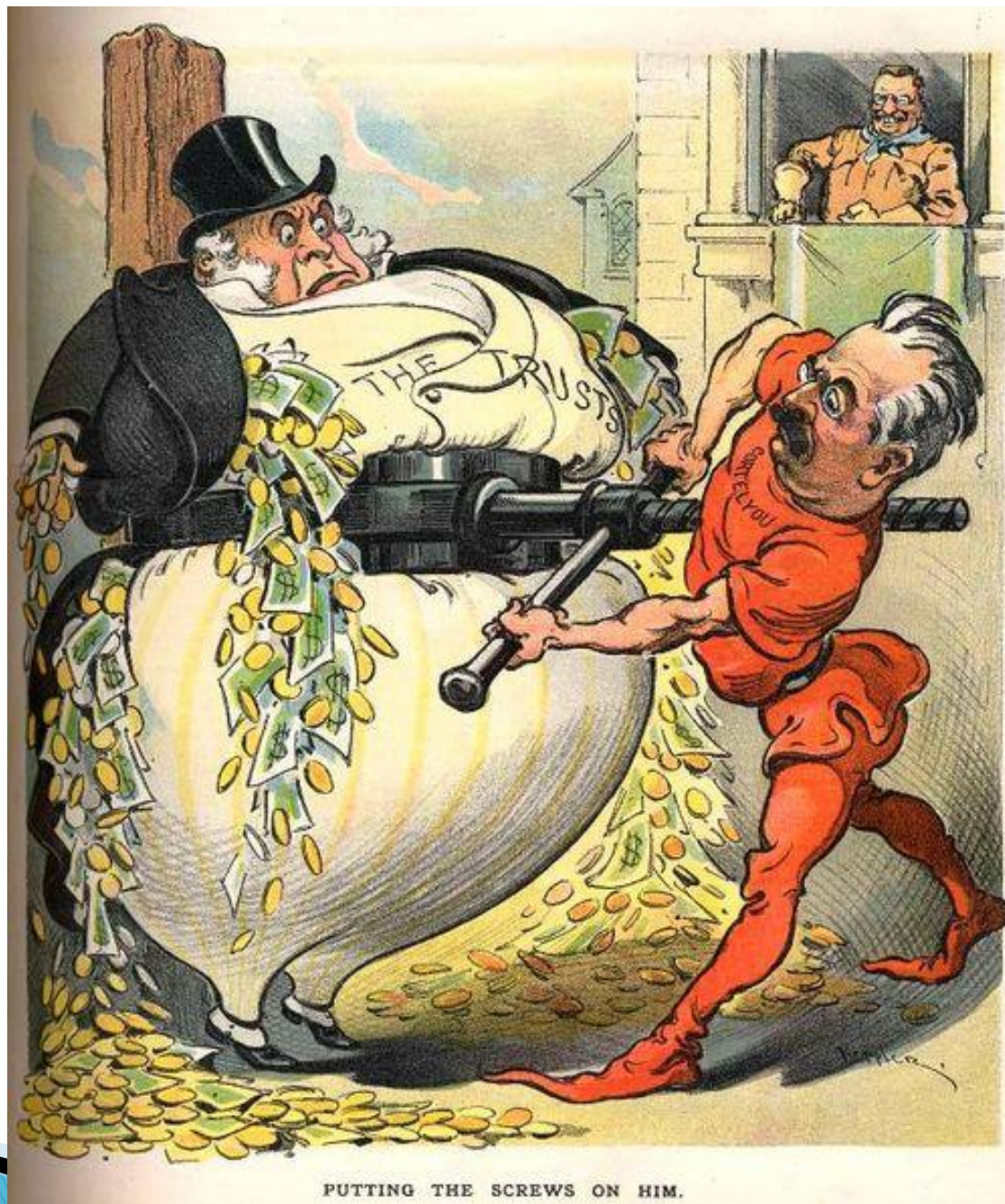




National park system







PUTTING THE SCREWS ON HIM.