

Review of Muckrakers and Their Impact

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Understanding Investigative Journalism during the Progressive Era

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Answer the following questions based on what you've learned about muckrakers and their role in exposing social problems.

1. Who was a famous muckraker known for writing about the meatpacking industry?

- A. Ida Tarbell
- B. Upton Sinclair
- C. Lincoln Steffens

2. What methods did muckrakers use to expose social problems during the Progressive Era?

3. Muckrakers aimed to create positive social change through their writing.

- True False

4. Muckrakers like Upton Sinclair aimed to expose the ____ conditions in factories and workplaces.

5. What was the main goal of muckrakers' journalism?

- A. To entertain readers
- B. To inform and create change
- C. To sell newspapers

6. Why is it important to tell the truth about difficult topics, according to the lesson?

7. Ida Tarbell wrote about unfair business practices in the oil industry.

- True False

8. Ephesians 5:11 encourages us to reprove the ____ works of darkness.

9. What can we learn from the work of muckrakers?

- A. That writing is not important
- B. That revealing truth can lead to social justice
- C. That problems should be ignored

10. How can writing help make the world better, based on what you learned?

Answer Key

1. Upton Sinclair 2. Muckrakers used detailed reporting and facts to reveal issues. They investigated and wrote articles that highlighted injustices and called for change. 3. True 4. poor 5. To inform and create change 6. Telling the truth about difficult topics helps to shine light on problems. It can lead to awareness and change, just like how muckrakers worked to improve society. 7. True 8.

unfruitful 9. That revealing truth can lead to social justice 10. Writing can help make the world better by raising awareness about issues. When people know the truth, they can take action to create positive change.