

# AP United States History

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## Progressive Era Presidents

- Theodore Roosevelt as President
  - Becomes president after McKinley is shot dead and takes position from Vice President
  - Wanted to be a "Visible President", First president to use the term "Bully Pulpit"
    - Considered the president as his bully pulpit and an arbiter of labor disputes
    - Emphasized that Government intervention should help the lives of ordinary people
- The 3 'C's: Conservation, Consumer Protection, and Control of Corporation
  - The "Square Deal" says everyone should have a fair deal
  - "Trust Buster" — 1902, Roosevelt ordered Justice department to prosecute these corporations
    - First Northern Securities (railroads) — JP Morgan
    - Breaks up Standard Oil Company, which despite what Mr. Molk says about having a 25% market share at the time, actually had 64% market share when it dissolved. (Source: Armentano, Dominick. Antitrust: The Case for Repeal. Ludwig von Mises Institute. 1999. p. 57.)
- The Election of 1912
  - Eugene Debs ran as the socialist party against Taft and Teddy, Splitting the electoral vote and leading Wilson to win
- Clayton Anti-Trust Act — 1914
  - Labor unions no longer prohibited from anti-trust actions.
    - Made officers more liable for illegal acts of corporation and expanded 'unfair'
- "Not many more damaging things than the Federal Reserve Act" — Mr. Molk 2019
  - My God how is this guy a teacher literally I'm getting this info from somewhere else: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal\\_Reserve\\_Act](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_Reserve_Act)
- 16th Amendment: Creates an income tax
  - This meant that the more someone earns, the more they pay in taxes