

United States History  
Gilded Age and Progressive Hall of Fame

The last quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century were marked by change and reform. Your assignment is to construct a hall of fame, consisting of ten members, who best capture the themes and issues associated with the Gilded Age and Progressive Era. The list should allow a visitor to the Hall of Fame to understand the Gilded Age and Progressive Era by knowing only these ten people.

The activity will consist of various stages:

1. **Paper assignment:** Each of you will be assigned a list of seven persons. For each person you will write one paragraph explaining the importance of the person to the age. The write-up should include the major accomplishments and the themes represented by each person (20 points).

**Please ensure that you do not exceed 2 total pages. You must print out seven copies of the assignment.**

2. **Large group.** The small groups you will be distributed into three large groups. Each group must have:

- a. A facilitator: to keep the groups on task and ensure that everyone is heard.
- b. A scribe: to list the key themes and the members of the hall of fame.
- c. A reporter: to share the Hall of Fame with the rest of the class.

All papers will be assembled into a packet. Therefore, all papers must be submitted on time (Complete the assignment with thoroughness and care, as your classmates will be reading your work.)

3. **The reading:** Each group will assemble and take 12 minutes to read through the list of candidates.

4. **Selection Committee:** In your large groups you will determine 10 members for the Gilded Age and Progressive Era Hall of Fame. To do so, you must complete the following:

- a. Determine the seven most important themes and issues of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era.
- b. Discuss the candidates who represent each theme.
- c. Select the one candidate that best represents each theme.
- d. Select three at-large candidates who best define the age.
- e. Determine a weakness of your list.

5. **Assessment:** In a short follow-up, evaluate the degree to which your list represents the age. In other words, how well would a visitor to your Hall of Fame be able to understand the Gilded Age and Progressive Era by studying the ten people on your list? Suggest changes that would make the admissions class stronger.

## Individual Research Assignments:

Batter, Benson, Carvey,

Andrew Carnegie  
William McKinley  
William Randolph Hearst  
William Jennings Bryan  
William Marcy "Boss" Tweed  
William Taft  
Florence Kelley

Caso, Chan, Charpie,

John D. Rockefeller  
Theodore Roosevelt  
Samuel Gompers  
Jane Addams.  
Roscoe Conklin  
Janette Rankin  
James Blaine

Clymer, Conboy, Dillaway, Doyle

Cornelius Vanderbilt  
Woodrow Wilson  
Terence Powderly  
Eugene Debs  
Robert La Follette  
Carrie Chapman Catt  
Ida Tarbell

Ferguson, Flynn, Geller, Kwan

George Pullman  
Frances E. Willard  
Thomas Nast  
William D. Haywood  
John Muir  
SS. McClure  
William Seward

Lau, Leahy, Miller, Patterson

Albert Spaulding  
John Hay  
Josiah Strong  
Frederick Law Olmsted  
Booker T. Washington  
Oliver Wendall Holmes Jr  
Alice Paul

Reny, Rowe, Sanchez,

J.P. Morgan  
Mary Lease  
Edward Bellamy  
Louis L. Sullivan  
Margaret Sanger  
Jacob Riis  
Upton Sinclair

Vlahakes, Vydra, Yogel

Joseph Pulitzer  
Oliver H. Kelley  
US Grant  
Timothy D. "Big Tim" Sullivan -  
Lillian Wald  
W.E.B DuBois  
Albert Beveridge

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William Jennings Bryan  
William Marcy "Boss" Tweed  
William Taft  
Florence Kelley

White, Kelly, Zeidman:

Joseph Pulitzer  
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Timothy D. "Big Tim" Sullivan -  
Lillian Wald  
W.E.B DuBois  
Albert Beveridge

Alperin, Luk, Spector:

John D. Rockefeller  
Theodore Roosevelt  
Samuel Gompers  
Jane Addams.  
Roscoe Conklin  
Janette Rankin  
James Blaine

Birjiniuk, Tamoney, Wu:

Cornelius Vanderbilt  
Woodrow Wilson  
Terence Powderly  
Eugene Debs  
Robert La Follette  
Carrie Chapman Catt  
Ida Tarbell

Chang, Rich, Stiehl:

George Pullman  
Frances E. Willard  
Thomas Nast  
William D. Haywood  
John Muir  
SS. McClure  
William Seward

Cipolla, Oberg, McMahon:

Albert Spaulding  
John Hay  
Josiah Strong  
Frederick Law Olmsted  
Booker T. Washington  
Oliver Wendall Holmes Jr  
Alice Paul

Connolly, Daly, Wen:

J.P. Morgan  
Mary Lease  
Edward Bellamy  
Louis L. Sullivan  
Margaret Sanger  
Jacob Riis  
Upton Sinclair