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**Honors American History Since 1900**

**Progressive Presidents Article**

**Directions: Write** a newspaper article attacking or supporting the record of a progressive president on civil rights.

Although presidents in the Progressive Era came into office with goals to end corruption, reform the economy, and promote justice, they often fell short, in the eyes of some supporters, on civil rights reforms. With U.S. involvement in Word War I, progressives saw their hopes for reform stall. African Americans and other minorities would have to wait more than 40 years for civil rights issues to be seriously addressed once again.

**1. Prewriting:** Reread the sections from the module that discuss the civil rights records of presidents during the Progressive Era, such as Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, and Woodrow Wilson. You may also wish to conduct additional research online if you wish. As you read, make note of the following…

**-** the efforts made by each president on civil rights reform

- the reasons given, or implied, for any inaction on civil rights reform

- any civil rights legislation passed during each presidency

**2. Creating your Newspaper Article:** First, choose a Progressive Era president to highlight in your newspaper article. Then, decide the point of view that your article will be written from – will you defend the president’s record on civil rights reform or attack it? Use your notes to provide facts and details on the president’s record to support your point of view.

**3. Reviewing and Proofreading:** Make sure that the point of view of your newspaper article is clear to readers and that your opinions are backed up with facts and details. Then, proofread your article for capitalization, spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors.

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