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**MODERN DAY MUCKRAKER ASSIGNMENT!**

**MUCKRAKERS:** The term muckraker is most associated with a group of American investigative reporters, novelists and critics from the late 1800s to early 1900s, who investigated and exposed societal issues such as conditions in slums and prisons, factories, insane asylums (as they were called at the time), sweatshops, mines, child labor and unsanitary conditions in food processing plants. Although the term muckraking might appear to have a negative connotation to it, muckrakers have often served the public interest by uncovering crime, corruption, waste, fraud and abuse in both the public and private sectors.

**YOUR TASK:**

Muckrakers often expose issues in society through personal stories, quotations, statistics, photographs, and research, in order to convince others to enact change. Your goal is to take on the role of a muckraker and create an informational flyer to address a world issue using the Library website and/or other reliable online sources. **Must use at least 2 sources.**

* You will create an **INFORMATIONAL FLYER** on an issue in present day society.
* Include **a TITLE** of the issue you are trying to expose to the public.
* Include a **BRIEF DEFINITION OR DESCRITION** of the issue to inform your readers. (Example: Deforestation is clearing Earth's forests on a massive scale, often resulting in damage to the quality of the land.)
* Include short **SNIPPETS OF INFORMATION** and/or **QUOTES/SHORT PERSONAL STORIES** that seek to expose important information that might catch your audiences’ attention regarding your issue.
* Include **IMAGES** that relate to your issue. Remember: many muckrakers used photographs to expose issues in society during the Progressive Era. Photographs can be an exceptional way to convey information.
* Provide a **WRITTEN SECTION** of your poster:
  + **SUMMARY** of the issue
  + **HOW IT IS NEGATIVELY IMPACTING SOCIETY** (quotes, statistics, personal stories, research)
  + **PROPOSE A SOLUTION** to the issue as part of your conclusion. What can we as Americans do to help?
  + Endwith a final **CALL TO ACTION** (Ex. I urge all of you to adopt my cause in an effort to save innocent animals from abuse!)
* Use **COLOR** and make it **LEGIBLE**!

\*\*\*The written portion of your poster should not be an extensive piece of writing, but should rather convey what you are trying to say in a cohesive and organized manner.

**MUCKRAKER RESEARCH GUIDE: Chosen Issue:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Description/Definition of Issue:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Summary:** **What is causing this issue?**

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**How is this negatively impacting society?**

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**Relevant Statistics/Facts (with citations):**

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**Quotations and/or Personal Stories:**

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**Any Additional Relevant Research to include in written portion:**

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**Possible Solutions? How can we put a stop to the negative impacts resulting from this issue?**

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**Call to action! (Short, to the point sentence motivating people to take action!)**

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