

New Deal Ideas Answer Key

There are no single correct answers. Strong student work should:

- Accurately identify a Progressive-Era problem
- Propose a realistic goal that would improve conditions
- Identify historical supporters (ex: reformers, workers, women's groups)
- Include likely opposition (ex: factory owners, political machines)
- Present a persuasive final pitch grounded in historical context

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Applying historical knowledge to propose realistic reforms; persuasive reasoning; understanding multiple perspectives.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Provide a list of common Progressive Era problems (monopolies, unsafe working conditions, lack of suffrage, etc.) for students needing support.
 - Allow oral brainstorming or graphic organizers before writing full responses.
- **Engagement Strategies:**
 - Host a mock "**Congress Session**" where students present and debate their bills before a class vote.
 - Create a gallery walk of proposed reforms for peer feedback and discussion.
- **Extension Ideas:**
 - Ask students to write a brief political cartoon supporting their bill.
 - Compare their proposed reform to a modern law or movement addressing similar issues today.