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## Document Based Question – Progressive Movement

### Historical Context:

The late 1800's and early 1900's were times of great reform in America. Tired of the poor working conditions, overcrowding of cities, political corruption and abuses by industrialists, people known as Progressives took it upon themselves to create change. By using various forms of the media, combined with organized protests, pickets, and the power of the vote, the Progressives exposed these issues, and informed thousands of Americans of the conditions that existed. The result was a slew of laws of reform, in which social, political, and industrial conditions were targeted and improved.

**AIM:** Describe the social and political conditions that existed in America just prior to the Progressive Movement. Illustrate how the Progressives achieved their objectives of these conditions, and explain the extent to which they were successful in reforming several of the problems they addressed.

**Directions:** The following documents illustrate conditions that existed before, during, and after the Progressive Movement. Examine each document carefully and then answer the question that follows it.

### Document 1

Excerpt from *How the Other Half Lives* by Jacob Riis

"If we could see the air breathed by these poor creatures in their tenements," said a well-known physician, "it would show itself to be fatter than the meat of the guinea." Little improvement was apparent despite all that had been done. "The new tenements, that have been recently built, have been usually so badly planned as the old, with dark and unhealthy rooms, often only one cellar, where animals overcrowded in penitents," was the verdict of one authority.

1. What problems does Jacob Riis see with life in city tenements?

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