Uncovering Problems at the Turn of the Century

What social, political, and environmental problems did Americans face at the turn of the 20th century?

Key Content Terms

As you complete the Reading Notes, use these Key Content Terms in your answers:

The Jungle

Pendleton Act

extractive industry

temperance movement

Tammany Hall

PREVIEW

Imagine that you are standing in the alley with the four boys in the opening photograph for Lesson 16.

What social problem or problems does this photograph show? In your notebook, describe each problem you see in two sentences or more. Use vivid and shocking language that might stir someone into action. For example, *Destitute and alone, these young boys sleep wherever they can in the rotten-smelling alleys of the city.*

READING NOTES

Section 2

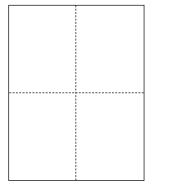
Read Section 2, and answer these questions in your notebook:

- 1. What important announcement did the Census Bureau make in 1890?
- 2. What happened to American industry in the years after the Civil War?
- 3. What did American cities look like in 1900?
- 4. How had the U.S. population become more diverse by the early 1900s?

Field Investigation

Creating a Muckraking Notepad

Create a muckraking notepad for your field investigation by taking two sheets of paper from your notebook. Cut each sheet into fourths to create eight equal-size rectangles. Staple the rectangles together at the top to make your notepad.





Conduct Your Field Investigation

When you reach a field site, open your muckraking notepad to the first two pages. Divide the space into three sections, and take notes by following the guidelines below. When you move to the next field site, turn to the next two pages. You must visit each field site at least once and investigate a total of seven problems.

