The Muckraker, was a title given by Theodore Roosevelt to a group of journalists who became experts at digging up “dirt” on large companies. At the turn of the century, these reporters exposed the exploitation of the poor and underprivileged, which improved life for all Americans. Many of the reforms that were made as a result of the work done by these reporters can still be seen in labor laws that effect us today.

1) **Speech**. Create a short speech that is at least 2 minutes long. This speech should explain why your candidate deserves the “Muckraker of the Year” award. This speech should highlight the accomplishments of your candidate and convince your audience that he/she deserves the “Muckraker of the Year” reward. (20 points)

2) **Poster**. Create a poster complete with pictures and color that can be used as a visual aid for your speaker. (15 points)

3) **Certificate**. Create a certificate of merit for your candidate. This certificate will be a reward that is given to your candidate for all the hard work they have done. This certificate should say who it is for and why they are being rewarded. (10 points)

4) **Poem**. The great accomplishments that were made by your candidate were so inspiring that it deserves a beautiful piece of rhyming poetry that is approximately 12 lines long. Like the speech, this poem should reflect the life and accomplishments of your candidate. (15 points)

Muckrakers

Ida Tarbel

Lincoln Steffens

Jacob Riis

Upton Sinclair

John Spargo

Robert M. LaFollette

WEB DuBois

Theodore Roosevelt

Jane Adams

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Speech – *See Presentation Rubric*

\_\_\_\_/6 Ethos

\_\_\_\_/6 Pathos

\_\_\_\_/6 Logos

\_\_\_\_/2 Presentation

Poster

\_\_\_\_/10 Relevance

\_\_\_\_/5 Completeness

Certificate

\_\_\_\_/5 Accommodation

\_\_\_\_/5 Style

Poem

\_\_\_\_/9 Recognition

\_\_\_\_/6 Completeness