EFFECTS OF THE PROGRESSIVE ERA

Name:

Date:

Social

Laws were passed to protect the public's health and welfare: Food and Drug Act

Laws were passed to protect the environment and address pollution

Child labor is restricted and Education is reformed

18th Amendment: Prohibited the sale and manufacture of alcohol

Organizations are formed to fight poverty and inequality

The 'muckrakers' raised awareness of social issues which led to reforms

Political

17th Amendment: U.S. Senators must be elected not appointed

New political parties form

19th Amendment: Gave women the right to vote

The commission system of local government replaces the political machine

Economic

The number of hours in the work week are limited

The 1887 Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC)

The Unionization of all the important industries

Anti-trust legislation was passed to prohibit monopolies:
Sherman Anti-Trust Act

Big Business and corporations were regulated