**GUIDED READING EXERCISE**

**Chapter 21—Progressivism from the Grass Roots Up, 1890–1916**

* **What were the most significant changes in the United States as a result of the Progressive Era?**

***Download and save this document so you can return to it to take notes and later use it for studying.*** *As you read the chapter, fill in the chart below to remind yourself of the significant changes that occurred in the United States as a result of the Progressive Era. If you copy and paste from the text, make sure you place quotation marks around the copied material; if you are able to describe the changes in your own words, however, you should do so.*

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|  | **Changes** | **Specific examples** |
| **Theories of progress and progressivism** |  |  |
| **Activism at the individual or grassroots levels**  |  |  |
| **Action at the local and state government levels** |  |  |
| **Federal legislation and activity** |  |  |

*After you have read the chapter, use your notes to compose an essay that answers the following question:*

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*Be sure to include an opening, introductory paragraph in which you state your thesis. Then use the body of your essay to provide evidence from the chapter to support that thesis. When thinking about how to organize this essay, pay close attention to all levels of activism, whether successful or not. Be sure to include specific examples of the changes that occurred during the Progressive Era. End by writing a clear conclusion to your essay.*