1890 – 1920

Put the Events in Order

Name _____ Date _____

These 8 events from the Progressive Era timeline are out of order. Write a number from 1 to 8 in each box, from the earliest event (1) to the latest (8).

☐ **Theodore Roosevelt Takes Office**
After President McKinley's assassination, Vice President Theodore Roosevelt takes the presidency at age 42 — the youngest president ever — and makes trust-busting, conservation, and consumer protection the agenda of the White House.

☐ **Muckrakers Begin**
Investigative journalists called 'muckrakers' begin exposing corruption, dangerous working conditions, and exploitation hidden beneath Gilded Age prosperity — reaching mass audiences through popular magazines.

☐ **NAACP Founded**
W.E.B. Du Bois and other activists found the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to fight racial discrimination, lynching, and the denial of voting rights to Black Americans.

☐ **The Jungle and Food Safety Laws**
Upton Sinclair publishes The Jungle, exposing horrifying sanitary conditions in Chicago's meatpacking industry; public outrage leads directly to the Pure Food and Drug Act and the Meat Inspection Act within the year.

☐ **18th Amendment — Prohibition**
The 18th Amendment bans the manufacture and sale of alcohol — the culmination of decades of temperance campaigning that viewed alcohol as the root cause of poverty, family breakdown, and crime.

☐ **16th Amendment and Federal Reserve**
The 16th Amendment establishes a federal income tax; the Federal Reserve Act creates a central banking system to stabilize the economy and prevent panics like 1893.

☐ **19th Amendment — Women's Right to Vote**
The 19th Amendment guarantees women the right to vote nationwide — the climax of over 70 years of suffrage campaigning that began at the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848.

☐ **17th Amendment — Direct Election of Senators**
The 17th Amendment changes how US Senators are chosen — from appointment by state legislatures (easily corrupted) to direct election by voters, one of the Progressive Era's key democratic reforms.

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