The Progressive Presidents
Roosevelt, Taft, and Wilson

Theodore Roosevelt
• 26th President
• Term: 1901-1909
• Likes:
  – outdoors
  – close call with death on exploratory trip down the Amazon R.
  – boxing
  – hunting African game
  – showing U.S. power to all

The Trustbuster
• “monopolies hurt public interest”
• Northern Securities v. U.S.
  – J.P Morgan
  – railroad monopoly
  – violated Sherman Antitrust Act

Roosevelt the Progressive
• intervened in Coal Strike of 1902
• Dept of Commerce and Labor
• Meat Inspection Act
• Pure Food and Drug Act
• environmental conservation

William H. Taft
• 27th President
• Term: 1908-1912
• Likes:
  – economic development
  – golf
  – doing opposite of Roosevelt

Payne-Aldrich Tariff
• Purpose: to lower tariff rates
• Divided Republican Party
• Outcome:
  – hardly cut tariffs
  – increased on some goods 😞
Taft the Progressive
- anti-trust cases
- Children's Bureau
- conservationist
  - Bureau of Mines

Woodrow Wilson
- 28th President
- Term: 1912-1920
- Likes:
  - college
  - golf
  - pure progressivism
  - white pants

Wilson the Progressive
- Tariffs
  - graduated income tax
  - Sixteenth Amendment
- Banking System
  - Federal Reserve Act 1913
- Regulated Big Business
- Antitrust Actions
  - Federal Trade Commission

Failures of Progressivism
- Civil Rights
  - segregation
  - lynching
- Native American Rights
  - denied rights
- Women's Rights
  - suffrage at END of Progressive Era
  - still not fully equal