Exercise

1. What does "progressive" mean? _____

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2. Why was this time in history named the Progressive Era? _____

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3. Describe some of the issues facing reformers during the Progressive Era._____

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4. What was one of the main "causes" that progressives worked to change at this time?_____

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5. Imagine that you are a reformer in the Progressive Era. What would your causes be, and how

would you try to make changes? _____

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Did You Know?
World War I was called the "Great War" or the "War to End All Wars" way back then.

World War I began during a period of political unrest around the world. When German kaiser Wilhelm I and Britain's Queen Victoria died, Russia fell into conflict with Germany and Japan. When the heir to the throne of the Austro-Hungarian Empire was assassinated, Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia, a Russian ally. When Russia sent its troops to help, Germany declared war on Russia and soon afterward on France. Germany then attacked English and American civilians, which brought England and America into the war. The war ended in 1918 after the German leader Wilhelm II left his throne and Germany surrendered after being defeated by the Allies. It was called the Great War and was thought to be the war that would end all wars.