**Muckraker Analysis**

**Jacob Riis**

**After Reading the excerpts of Jacob Riis “How the Other Half Lives” and viewing**

**Photographs in from his work, Respond to the following questions.**

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***Photo Responses***

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| What do you see in these pictures?  |
| Do you think these are trustworthy accounts of what life was really like in this time period? Why or why not? (Hint: it took minutes to take a photograph at this time) |
| What do you think Riis wanted the Audience to take away from these photos? |
| What might these photographs tell you about the middle class Americans who bought Riis’ books and attended his lectures? What did his audience believe about children?  |

**Before Reading**

What type of document is this? Who wrote it?

Do you think that Riis was Bias (had a preference) about the topic he was writing about?

**After Reading**

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| **What is Riis’s attitude towards poverty?**  |
| **What was his attitude toward these immigrants?**  |
| **Riis thought he was *helping* the immigrants and supporting them. After reading this do you feel like he was helping the immigrants?** |
| **What do these photos and excerpts tell you about life in cities at the turn of the century?**  |

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**Upton Sinclair**

**After Reading Parts of Upton Sinclair’s book “The Jungle” answer the**

**Following questions.**

**What Impact do you think this writing had on Americans?**

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**Describe the specific event that stuck out the most to you from the**

**Reading and why.**

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**What happened to the contaminated meat?**

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**How would you expect the government to fix this situation?**

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**How would you personally react if you found out the food used at CHIPOTLE was made this way?**

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