**Muckrakers Writing Assignment**

**Background:**

During the Gilded Age, many aspects of America appeared much better than they actual were. Because of this false sheen on the lives of many Americans, muckrakers began to report on true nature of the problems.

**Directions:**

You are a newspaper reporter from 1900 reporting about one of the problems facing America during the Gilded Age. You may chose from one of the following problems facing America to report on:

* Corruption in business/railroads
* Monopolies/Trusts
* Poor working conditions in factories
* Poor living conditions of the new immigrants
* Unsanitary conditions in the meat packaging industry
* Corruption in the government
* Political machines (like Tammany Hall and “Boss” Tweed)

Your journal entry must be at least **ONE** page in length. This is handwritten, single-spaced. Make sure that you use your **most legible handwriting**.

**This assignment is worth a total of 30 points.**

* **Appropriate Content (10 points)**
* **Organization (5 points)**
* **Correct spelling, grammar, and mechanics (5 points)**
* **Creativity (5 points)**
* **Fulfills all requirements (5 points)**

**Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**