Examples of Possible Awards and Criteria

Below is a list of possible award categories that you can use to guide student research. You might have students read the chapter on the Progressive Era and come up with a list of awards and criteria on their own. I make these choices based on how much time I can dedicate to the content.

**Social Justice Award** (this could be broken down into smaller categories—Racial equality, gender equality, labor rights, etc)
- Showed a clear commitment to equality
- Took risks to advance the cause

**Muckraker Award**
- Used journalism to expose social problems
- Challenged the powerful with words

**Government Accountability Award**
- Made government more responsive to the people
- Expanded democracy

**Consumer Protection Award (Prohibition?)**
- Identified issues that harmed consumers
- Helped bring about changes to laws

**Trustbuster Award**
- Worked to bring about economic fairness and equity
- Helped rid Congress of corporate influence

**Tree Hugger Environmental Award**
- Promoted the conservation of the environment
- Took actions that helped preserve natural resources

**Education Reform Award**
- Expanded access to education
- Promoted more responsible curriculum
### Progressive Awards Selection Committee Presentation Notes Page

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### Checklist for Selection Committee Presentation

- [ ] Provides a brief background on the person
- [ ] Identifies three pieces of evidence that make the person qualified to receive the award based on the identified criteria
- [ ] Explains how these actions make the person the best candidate for the award
- [ ] Presentation fits the three-minute time limit