

# **SSUSH13: EVALUATE EFFORTS TO REFORM AMERICAN SOCIETY AND POLITICS IN THE PROGRESSIVE ERA.**



***ELEMENT B: Examine and explain the roles of women in reform movements.***

# Roles of Women in Reform Movements



- By the last quarter of the 19th century, many middle class women had received considerable education. Even with newfound educational independence, society still viewed women as nurturers and agents of stability.
  - Women used this influence and their educational attainment to advocate for social change.
    - These reforms included a re-born temperance movement, women's suffrage, sanitation, educational reforms, and attacks on racism.



# Jane Addams & the Settlement House Movement



- ❑ Women such as Jane Addams, played a huge role in improving the lives of the urban poor, especially immigrant women and children who were forced by circumstances to work and live in dangerous and unhealthy conditions.
- ❑ Addams was the founder of the Settlement House Movement in the United States.
  - The Settlement House Movement began in urban England as a way of helping the poor by securing donations from the wealthy in an effort to improve the lives of the destitute.
  - Jane Addams decided to create a similar settlement house in Chicago after visiting Toynbee House in London, England.

