



## Political Bosses Lesson (11.2.4)

### **Background:**

Political bosses wielded a lot of power during their reign. Bosses with their machines could determine who would be candidates and in some cases who would win the “election”. However, others believed that Party Bosses benefited the community. By helping to organize the people and aiding immigrants Party Bosses gathered support from those they helped.

### **Prompt:**

Explain why Progressives believed that political bosses were corrupt?

### **Task:**

In a well-thought out essay:

- Write a thesis in response to the prompt.
- Explain what evidence in the documents led you to this conclusion.
- Be certain to cite at least three pieces of evidence from the documents that support your thesis.