SS.912.A.3.1 - Challenges to American Farmers – Example 1 Answer

The common purpose of these legislative acts were to

A. protect the nation’s natural resources
B. improve conditions for recent immigrants to the United
C. advance the growth of big business
D. promote the general welfare of the American public

**Answer**

D. Promote the general welfare of the American public

The Progressive Era looked to protect the rights of the laborer as well as the well being of the consumer. Upton’s Sinclair’s book *The Jungle* was instrumental in helping to pass law that made food inspection required by law.