

Problems and Solutions- ANSWER KEY

Directions: Use the sources to list problems that were identified in the food industry through Dr. Wiley’s experiments. Be sure to quote and cite your sources! In the right column, brainstorm possible solutions that the government could take to fix them. When you are done, answer Supporting Question 1 at the bottom of the page.

Problems identified by Sources 1A, 1B, and 1C (Dr. Wiley and his team)	What are possible solutions to the problems he exposes? (Use your educated imagination!)
<p><i>Borax led to intestinal illness, including vomiting</i></p> <p><i>Only half of the people who participated in the trials were able to finish- the rest got too sick to continue</i></p> <p><i>The dosages may have affected the organs of the volunteers</i></p> <p><i>Everybody was eating this stuff- and you wouldn’t be able to tell if your food was good or bad</i></p> <p><i>The food they were eating was potentially deadly</i></p> <p><i>There was rat poison in some of the food</i></p> <p><i>Laws about what is and is not allowed in various foods are all over the place</i></p> <p><i>Borax really isn’t safe in any amount- a small amount consistently will cause harm, or a large dose all at once will cause harm</i></p>	<p><i>People need to be able to tell what is in the food they buy- so they know if it is good or not</i></p> <p><i>They need to ban the really bad stuff- like, if they know it will hurt you, it needs to be illegal</i></p> <p><i>Standardize food laws. One for the whole country</i></p> <p><i>Def ban Borax.</i></p>
<p>SUPPORTING QUESTION 1: What did the “Poison Squad” experiments reveal?</p> <p><i>The “Poison Squad” experiments revealed that the “wild west” approach to food regulation wasn’t working, and that many of the common food additives of the day were injurious to health.</i></p>	

After completing the Supporting Question 2 activity, add additional problems and solutions that were revealed by “The Jungle” on the back. Be sure to quote and cite your sources there too!

Problems identified by sources 2A, 2B, 2C, and 2D (Upton Sinclair)	What are possible solutions to the problems he exposes? (Use your educated imagination- plus the sources!)
<p><i>Woah- rat poop in the meat!? What!?</i></p> <p><i>They are using Floor Meat. Not cool.</i></p> <p><i>They would just stamp stuff “Special” and charge more for it, but that was meaningless. It was the same stuff</i></p> <p><i>Rats, poison and poop would ALL end up in the meat</i></p> <p><i>Old, moldy sausage that didn’t sell was being returned, washed, and resold. Gross.</i></p> <p><i>Leaky roof water on the meat. Umm- just no.</i></p> <p><i>Diseased meat is sold to the public</i></p> <p><i>Inhuman labor practices</i></p> <p><i>Rat infestations</i></p> <p><i>Human appendages were in the meat</i></p> <p><i>Inspectors would get distracted and miss tubercular cows</i></p> <p><i>Walls are scummy with rotting meat</i></p> <p><i>People don’t know what is going into their food</i></p> <p><i>It looks really dirty in the pictures</i></p> <p><i>The animals look like they’re all jammed in together- what if one of them gets sick?</i></p>	<p><i>Punish inspectors if they slack off</i></p> <p><i>Inspect the meat AFTER it gets killed</i></p> <p><i>Inspect the packaged meat to make sure the label is accurate</i></p> <p><i>Don’t let people return meat</i></p> <p><i>Better factory conditions- or at least inspect those places! Standards people!</i></p>