

Answer Key:

Staging the Question:

- **Pond Water: Milk** (used to thin out the milk and stretch its volume. Something else would be added later to thicken it back up.)
- **Formaldehyde: Milk** (preservative- occasionally too much would be added; in one case, it led to the deaths of several children)
- **Arsenic: Chocolate** (used to give the shell a nice “shine”)
- **Plaster Dust: Milk** (used to thicken milk after it was thinned with pond water)
- **Tincture of Opium/Laudanum: Cough Syrup** (used as a painkiller/cough suppressant)
- **Chalk: Milk** (used to thicken milk after it was thinned with pond water)
- **Lead: Cheese** (red lead specifically was used to give cheese a vibrant yellow-ish red aged color)
- **Borax: Leafy Vegetables:** (used to make wilted vegetables crisp back up)
- **“Rough-On-Rats” rat poison: Meat** (occasionally found its way into meat products when used to kill rats in slaughterhouses)
- **“Paris Green” by Sherwin Williams: Peas** (used to give peas a vibrant green color; while this can was made by Sherwin Williams, the chemical colorant was widely used at the time in everything from foodstuffs to paintings.)

The Jungle Source 3D- Food Safety Timeline

Wrap-up Question: What do you notice about the amount of change (and the speed of that change surrounding food reform) before *The Jungle* is published, compared to after?

Answers include There had been studies and complaints for years, but change happens quickly after Upton Sinclair publishes “The Jungle”

The Jungle Source 3E- OPTIONAL The Square Deal

1. (Close reading) Why was Roosevelt originally skeptical of Sinclair’s claims?

Answers may include: Roosevelt was distrustful of Sinclair’s socialist leanings

2. According to this document, who seems to be responsible for the reforms to food safety laws in the United States?

Answers may include: Theodore Roosevelt (with help from The Jungle and Upton Sinclair)

3. (Close reading) What was the original purpose of Sinclair’s novel?

Answers may include: To draw attention to the plight of immigrant workers in the meatpacking industry