**What Can You Corroborate?**

**Supporting Question 2:** “How accurate was Upton Sinclair’s “The Jungle”?

**Directions:** Upton Sinclair made some very sensational claims in his novel. Before acting President Roosevelt and Congress needed to verify those claims. Your job is to help the President and Congress by verifying each passage from *The Jungle* found below. AS A TEAM, review each source and find at least one quote that backs up Upton Sinclair’s assertions. When you’ve found it, write it in the space provided. Once you are done, answer the supporting question INDIVIDUALLY.

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| **Read Source 2A:** Excerpts fromUpton Sinclair’s *“The Jungle”* | **Watch Source 2B:** [How "The Jungle" Changed American Food](https://youtu.be/OuukM9OY-is?si=i6me-LcM3_10KJLc) (note time marker in citation) | **View Source 2C:** Visit the Stock Yards of the 1890s (note slide number in citation) | **Read Source 2D:** Neill-Reynolds Report |
| 1. “There was never the least attention paid to what was cut up for sausage; there would come all the way back from Europe old sausage that had been rejected, and that was moldy and white – it would be dosed with borax and glycerin, and dumped into the hoppers, and made over again for home consumption.” |  |  |  |
| 2. “There would be meat that had tumbled out on the floor, in the dirt and sawdust, where the workers had tramped and spit uncounted billions of consumption germs.” |  |  |  |
| 3. “There was no place for the men to wash their hands before they ate their dinner, and so they made a practice of washing them in the water that was to be ladled into the sausage.” |  |  |  |
| 4. “All of their sausage came out of the same bowl, but when they came to wrap it they would stamp some of it "special," and for this they would charge two cents more a pound.” |  |  |  |
| 5. “It was too dark in these storage places to see well, but a man could run his hand over these piles of meat and sweep off handfuls of the dried dung of rats. These rats were nuisances, and the packers would put poisoned bread out for them; they would die, and then rats, bread, and meat would go into the hoppers together.” |  |  |  |
| 6.” There would be meat stored in great piles in rooms; and the water from leaky roofs would drip over it”. |  |  |  |

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