

**Discussion Questions for “Twenty Years at Hull House” by Jane Addams
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1. What was Jane Addams’ agenda in writing this book? What is the fundamental point Addams is trying to make?
2. What was the author’s understanding of the relationship between the individual and society?
3. What was the initial idea behind Hull-House, and what did it become?
4. How did Addams view immigrants?
5. What impact did the depression of 1893-94 have on Addams and Hull-House?
6. What was Addams’ view of socialists and why?
7. Many historians of the progressive movement have noted a basic tension in progressivism between its democratic and elitist tendencies. Based on your reading of her book, do you think Jane Addams was predominantly a democratic or an elitist progressive?
8. What is your opinion of inaccuracies and/or simplifications in the book?
9. Is “Hull House” a classic and/or still relevant?