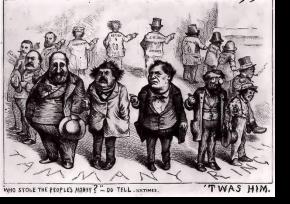
# Urbanization

#### SWBAT

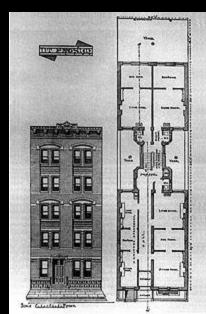
- Explain impacts of industrialization on urban growth
- Do Now:
- List problems that develop due to urbanization





#### Urbanization Part I: Negative Effects





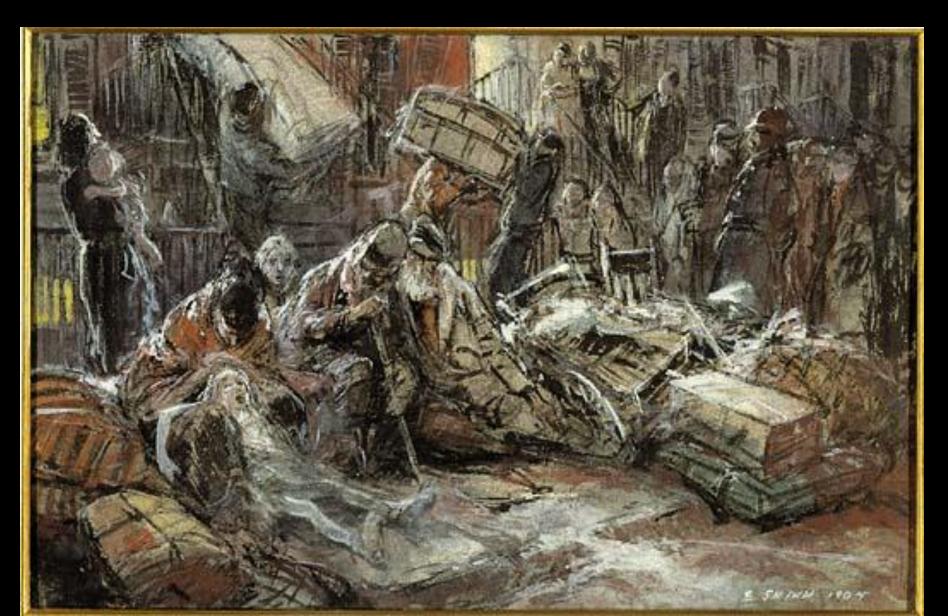
#### Urbanization

- <u>Urbanization</u> process by which more of a nations population becomes
  - concentrated in cities
- Why does this occur?
  - -Factories in the cities
  - -Job opportunities



- –Immigrants seek jobs & settle in cities
- -Rural farmers migrate to cities for work

#### Negative Effects



#### **Negative Effects**

- Housing
  - Not enough affordable housing to keep up with rise in population
    Many forced into homelessness or tenements
  - <u>Tenements</u> Dinner-city multi-unit dwellings (4-6 stories high)
     Usually divided and re-divided
     <u>Virtual Tour- Tenement</u>

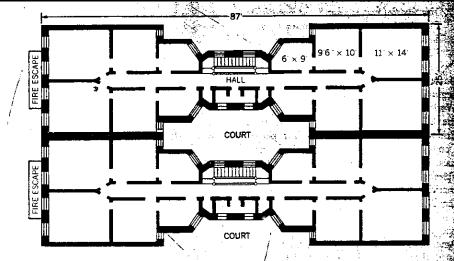
#### Tenements



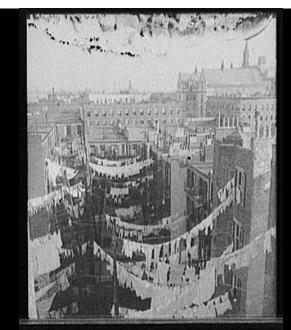


#### Tenements





Sometimes a whole family was crowded into a single room.



#### Tenements



What are some problems tenement living conditions caused?

• Why would people live in such conditions?

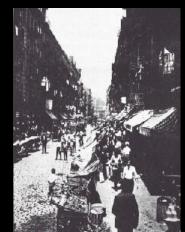
## Negative Effects

#### • Crime

- Due to poverty, crime increased in urban centers
  - 1881: 25 murders per 1 million people
    1898: 107 murders per 1 million people

Health
 Tuberculosis

- -Cholera
- -Typhoid
- -Diphtheria

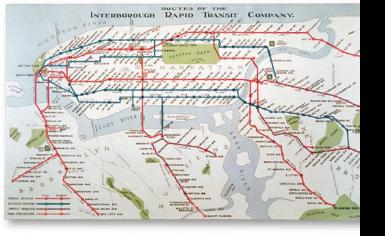


#### **Negative Effects**

- Political Machines
  - -Tammany Hall
    - In return for votes, bosses provided jobs, built parks, distributed food & clothing to the needy, but...
       → UNDERMINES DEMOCRACY









# Urbanization Part II:





### **Positive Effects**

- Transportation Improvements:
- New York Central Rails



- -Connects NYC, Boston, Chicago
- Subway (IRT: Interborough Rapid Transit)
  - -Connects outer boroughs to Manhattan
    - $\rightarrow$  Growth of Bronx & Queens
  - Safer than street cars; gets people off crowded streets (underground and/or

elevated)



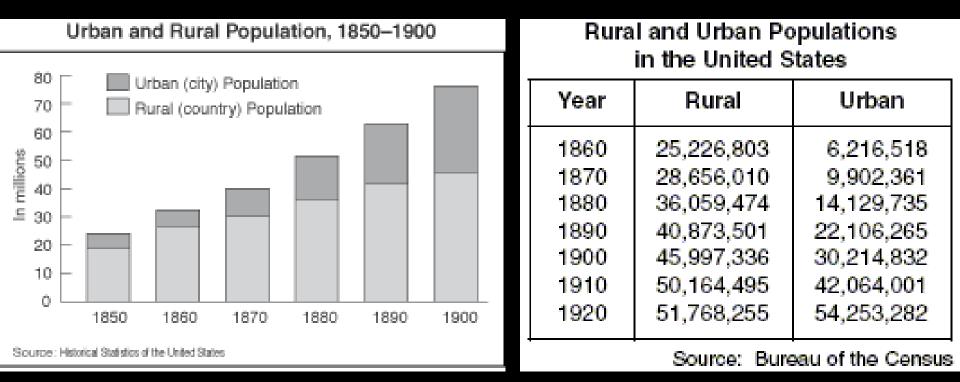


## Positive Effects

- Brooklyn Bridge
  - -Connects Lower Manhattan to Brooklyn
  - -Completed in 1883
  - -Built for trade purposes
    - Goods could be transported even when East River was frozen



# →Increase in number of jobs available

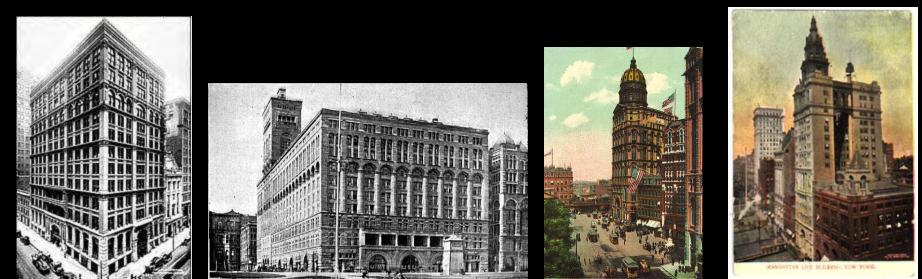


- How much did the urban pop. in the U.S. grow between 1860-1900?
- Between 1850 and 1900 was the pop. primarily rural or urban?

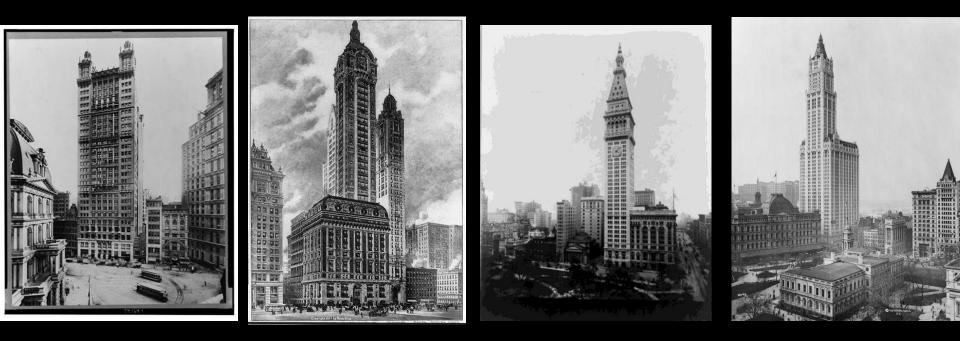
### **Positive Effects**

#### Skyscrapers:

- New engineering developments allowed for taller buildings
- -Chicago and New York lead the way
  - •Compete for world's tallest building title

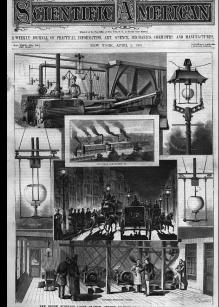


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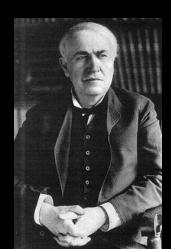


#### **Positive Effects** Gas & Electric Lights:

- -Extends the working day
- -Makes cities safer at night



–Development of General Electric & eventually Con Edison





### **Positive Effects**

<u>Sewage Systems:</u> - Constructed to deal with increased amount of waste & skyscraper rain water run-off

- Parks:
  - -Built to provide urban dwellers with open space -Central Park (Manhattan) -Prospect Park (Brooklyn) -Frederick Law **Olmstead**

## **Positive Effects**

- The Middle Class & Leisure:
- Growth of the Middle Class
  - Doctors, lawyers, office workers, skilled laborers
  - –Could afford better housing filled with consumer goods (sewing machines & phonograph)
  - Attended concerts, theatre, sporting events
  - Educated children beyond elementary level



## Wrap Up

- Which 3 groups can the urban population of the late 1800s be divided?
- Why did rural migrants & immigrants move to cities? How was industrialization related to urbanization?
- How did city planners try to improve city life?
- Why did these new urban centers have so many problems?

 Working Children
 HOMEWORK: Read excerpt from John Spargo's *The Bitter Cry of the Children* and answer the questions

that follow



# Social & Cultural Change

#### SWBAT

- Explain social and cultural changes in the late 1800s
- Do Now:
- Complete "The Rise of the City"
- In what ways did urban life improve during the late 1800s?

### Gilded Age

- Mark Twain critically depicted
   American society as being "gilded"
   = rotten core covered in gold paint
- → Historians refer to the end of the 1800s as the Gilded Age





## Wages

- 2/3 of all working Americans worked for wages, 10 hours a day, 6 days a week
- $\rightarrow$  "wage slavery"
- → Working class families
   depended on additional income
   from women & children

## Working Women

- Women in the Victorian era were primarily responsible for housework
- By 1900- 1 of 5 women worked outside the home
- Usually restricted to "home-like" industries

   textiles, garments, food processing →

   secretaries, book keepers, typists, telephone

   operators
- Still expected to complete housework too!

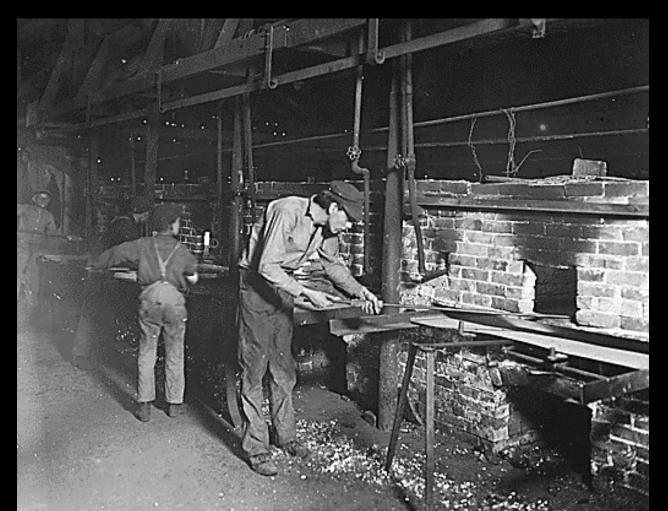


#### "Double drudgery"



### Working Children

#### • 1 of 5 children (age 10-16) worked



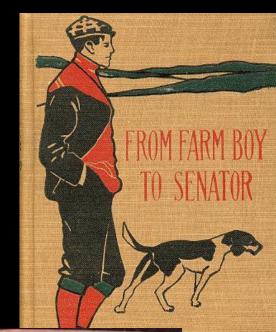
### Urban Living

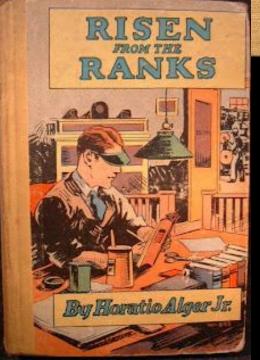
- Stress from urban living placed strains on parents & children
- Divorce rates increased to 8%
- Reduction in family size



## Upper Class

• 1890- richest 10% controlled 90% of the nation's wealth Horatio Alger- wrote about characters who succeed by hard work - reality = rags-to-riches was unusual





# • Newport, RI- Mansions





#### Middle Class

- Growth of large corporations introduced a need for "white-collar" workers → growth of the middle class
- Extra wages resulted in the purchase of goods
- → Americans entered a culture of
   "conspicuous consumerism"- wanting &
   buying new products on the market

Department Stores

Factory Produced Clothing

Advertising

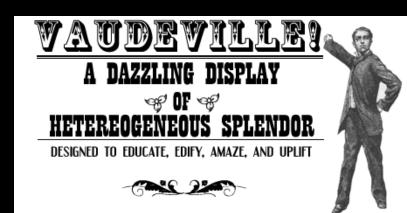
Mass Culture

- # of newspapers increased
  - Joseph Pulitzer & William
    Randolph Hearst: informed people
    with sensationalized stories to stir
    up controversy
- Religious tolerance develops

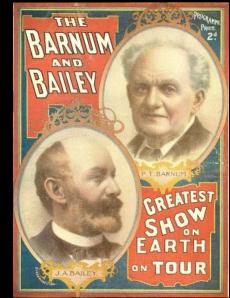
#### Education

- 1900- literacy rate was 90%
- kindergarten
- tax supported high schools
- liberal arts curriculum
- women's colleges (Radcliffe,
   Smith, Vassar, Wellesley, Wells)

- Amusements:
  - Coney Island
  - Barnum & Bailey Circus
  - Buffalo Bill's Wild West
  - Chautauqua Circuit
  - Vaudeville ("variety show")







## Wrap Up

- How were the lives of working-class women & children affected by industrialization? How did this reality compare with the Victorian view of traditional roles in society?
- What aspect of the circus was likely to attract patrons?
- How did middle-class urban life differ from life for the urban poor?