

AP United States History

Industrial Immigration

- New Immigration in the 1880s
 - Southern and Eastern Europe (20 million from Russia, Italy, Poland)
 - Essential to industrialization of the US
 - New York City, Pittsburgh, Chicago become large cities
 - Chinese immigrants to California
 - African Americans migrating from the south to other regions of the US
- Immigrants relied on each other
 - Urban neighborhoods based on particular ethnicities, races, and classes provide new cultural opportunities for city dwellers
- Life for the poor, living in small apartments, no windows, services, running water
 - Jacob Riis, photojournalist, helped draw attention to the poor
- Chinese Exclusion Act — 1882
 - First major law excluding immigration to the United States
 - Enacted in response to economic fears, especially west coast
 - Native born Americans attribute unemployment and declining wages to Chinese workers, who were viewed as racially inferior