

AP United States History

Leisure and Yellow Journalism

- Education in the US
 - More compulsory education, literacy rates rose to 90% by 1900
 - Kindergarten and tax-supported public high schools became common
 - Higher education increase because of land-grant colleges (Morrill Act)
 - Wealthy Philanthropists (Rockefeller -> University of Chicago, Stanford, Carnegie Mellon)
- Leisure for the Masses in City Life
 - Shorter work days, more opportunities to have fun and more money to spend
 - Recreation and Spectator Sports grew as a result of money and time
 - 1888 Professional baseball, 1891 Basketball invented. 1920s football
- Mark Twain + Charles Dudley Warner — The Gilded Age (1873)
 - Satirizes greed and political corruption in the post Civil War era in America, referred to as the Gilded Age
- Henry George — Progress and Poverty: A Critique of Laissez-Faire Economics
 - Called attention to inequality and especially the poor
- Newspapers, Media, and the Arts: Yellow Journalism
 - William Garrison Hearst and Pulitzer create screaming headlines
 - Investigative journalism and controversial subjects
 - Muckrakers exposed the dark side of politics and big business