

- Ante-Bellum society
 - Centered in the North - South is different
 - Development of water system for Manhattan
 - * Croton Aqueduct
 - Still in operation
 - * Ends up in the street
 - People have to go down to the street for water
 - Buildings weren't equipped with pipes
 - Public sanitation is abysmal
 - * Horses for transportation
 - * Leave behind waste
 - Disease and medical problems
 - * People still don't understand disease
 - * Yellow Fever epidemic in New Orleans
 - Kills 10-20 percent of the people
 - * Cholera also sweeps across the USA
 - Starts in New England
 - Kills 10 percent of St. Louis
 - * Two theories
 - Miasma theory
 - If you live in a bad place, you get sick
 - Contageon thoery
 - If you're around sick people, you get sick
 - * Anasthetics aren't used in surgery for a while
 - * Phronology
 - Proposes an alternative to previous medicine
 - People believe that it's accurate
 - People's heads feel different - have different bumps
 - * Sylvester Graham
 - Diet improvement
 - Eat more vegetables and less fatty stuff
 - Creates Graham Crackers
 - * Thompson/Thompsonianism
 - Leads to a craze of eating better food

- Distinct urban culture
 - * Newspapers become cheaper, production is faster
 - Cause: Steam-Powered Rotary Press
 - * First Penny Press appears
 - New York Sun
 - * By 1830, 65 weekly papers
 - Just spreads
 - * First reporters start to appear
 - * Periodicals also start to appear
 - * Harlequin Romances start to be read more widely
 - Mainly read and written by women
 - * P.T. Barnum's American Museum (1841-1865)
 - Typical ante-bellum public event
 - Filled with a large number of exhibits
 - Eventually, Barnum decides to take his show on the road
 - Genesis of Barnum and Bailey's Circus
- Recognition of separate spheres
- Nationality rises
- Emerson gives a speech of "American Scholar"
 - * Regarded as the foundation of American literary culture
- Up until here, British authors were favored
- Intellectual Renaissance in New England
 - * Margaret Fuller
 - Character who comes out of this Renaissance
 - Novels which mostly have a moral thesis behind them
 - * Cooper
 - Last of the Mohecans (Mohequins?)

- * Irving
 - The Sketchbook, including Rip Van Winkle
- Augustus Longstreet (1790-1870)
 - * Grew up in Georgia
 - * Wrote Georgia Scenes (1835)
- Walt Whitman (1818-1892)
 - * Probably a homosexual
 - * Leaves of Grass
 - * Blank Verse
- Edgar Allen Poe
- Graphic Arts
 - * Hudson River School
 - Celebrate Country and expanding America
- George Catlin (1796-1872)
 - * A “cultural P.T. Barnum”
- John James Audubon (1785-1851)
 - * Starts painting natural things
 - * All of them were life size
 - * Self taught
 - * Ex: Passenger Pigeons (done from 1827 to 1838)
- Role of women changes
 - * Cult of Domesticity (Males work, women rule the home)
 - * Women begin to develop women things
 - Mary Lyons
 - Establishes first female high school
 - Another one, with a emphasis on science
 - * Birth rate starts to decline
 - Upper class urban women especially

- 1800 - about 7 kids per women
 - 1850 - about 5.5 kids per women
 - Contraceptives start appearing
- * The Lily
 - Amelia Bloomer publishes this women's newspaper from Seneca Falls
- * Charlotte Cushman (1816-1876)
- * Margaret Fuller (1816-1850)
 - First major feminist work: Woman in the Nineteenth Century
- Abolition
- Temperance
- Manifest Destiny
- With everything becoming “better”
- Plenty of labor and resources
- Technology advancing
- By civil war, 14 percent of all workers are involved in manufacturing
- Urbanization
 - * Decidedly centered in the north
 - * South has their agricultural economy still
- Continued resentment in south
 - * Goes back to nullification
 - * Claims that the federal financial system is imbalanced towards the north
- Between 1840 and 1860, a ton of immigration occurs
 - * Irish potato famine in 1843
 - * 1/7 of Americans at this time are actually foreigners
- 1.5 million Irish come to the US
 - * Single largest immigrant group
 - * Many are evicted Tenents
 - * Little potential to move
 - No money
 - No skills
 - Don't even know how to farm

- * Up to a quarter of them die on the ships coming in
- By 1850
 - * Half of the population of Boston is Irish
 - * Half of the population of New York City is Irish
 - * Much of the hard labor was done by immigrant workers
- One million Germans arrive
 - * Around 1848
 - * Largest ethnic group is German
 - * These guys aren't really poverty stricken
 - More gradual decline of life in Germany
 - They come with money
 - Can buy land and spread into the frontier
 - They can also clump
- 1837
 - * Wave of immigration is just breaking
 - * Already a large number of immigrants in working
- 1860
 - * Now 2/3 of workers are immigrants
- Moving west facilitated by new transportation system
- American party (1854)
- 1834
 - * Rumors that a Boston Convent is putting people in dungeons and torturing them
 - * Burn out the convent
- 1835
 - * Lyman Beecher becomes concerned about immigrants in the west
 - * Writes “Plea for the West”
 - * Rises resentment towards immigrants
- “The Awful Disclosures of Maria Monk”
 - * Depicts lustful priests preying on young acolytes
 - * Turns out to be completely made up