

- Beautiful city movement
  - Establishment of parks in cities
  - Only the upper classes had the time to enjoy such parks
- Cities expand
  - Raising Chicago (bringing buildings up 5 feet)
  - Boston, Chicago expanding
  - Building taller buildings to expand the space
- Brand names come up
  - Nationwide quality
- Technology
  - Indoor plumbing
  - Mechanical washing machines
- Life expectancy increasing
  - Birth control being practiced, abortion becoming more common
- Most people are not getting a huge education
  - Only about 6% of population graduates high school
  - Increasing higher education though
- Crossing class lines
  - Changing music tastes
    - \* Ragtime
    - \* Crossing class lines
    - \* Technology enables it
  - Movies
    - \* 1903 - first real movie with a story
  - Popular magazines
  - Libraries
- American Realism
- Naturalist writers

- Impressionism is arriving
  - Frederick Childe Hassam
- Women's Rights
  - Victoria Claflin Woodhull
- Colleges transition to coed from male/female only
  - Women start participating in athletics
  - Bicycling
  - These women start to have more divorces
  - Divorce rate goes up a lot
  - By the end of the gilded age, most of the college educated women do not marry
- Public education changing
  - High school attendance increases
- Houses are being built with closets
  - People are buying standardized clothes - cheaper, labor saving
  - Accumulation of clothes
- Most states eliminating chattel laws
  - They stated that women were subject to their husbands
- Education changes
  - School teachers becoming trained
  - About a fifth of elementary school teachers are professional
  - Kindergarten appearing
- Plessy v Ferguson
  - Unequal railroad operation
  - Only one dissent on the supreme court
- 1909 Springfield Race Riot
  - Most significant race riot
  - Lynched a black man
  - Destroyed black property

- Leads to the establishment of the NAACP
- By 1900, only about 1% of blacks graduate high school compared to 5-6% of whites
- Booker T Washington
  - Establishes Tuskegee Institute
  - Idea: Blacks should prove themselves and the barriers will fall
- W.E.B Du Bois
  - First black PhD (from Harvard)
  - Finds he can't get a job
  - Becomes radicalized
  - Finally gets a job but gets blocked, works at Atlanta University
  - Niagra Manifesto
    - \* Political power is the key
    - \* Need it now
  - Du Bois will be the only black staff of NAACP for a while