

- 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