



The Rise of Urban America

1870-1920

Guiding Question 1

Identify and analyze the factors that changed the American city in the second half of the nineteenth century.



Guiding Question 2

What key changes did urbanization bring to America? In what ways was America becoming a consumer and leisure society?



Guiding Question 3

Analyze the primary causes of the population shift from the rural to an urban environment in the United States between 1875 and 1925.

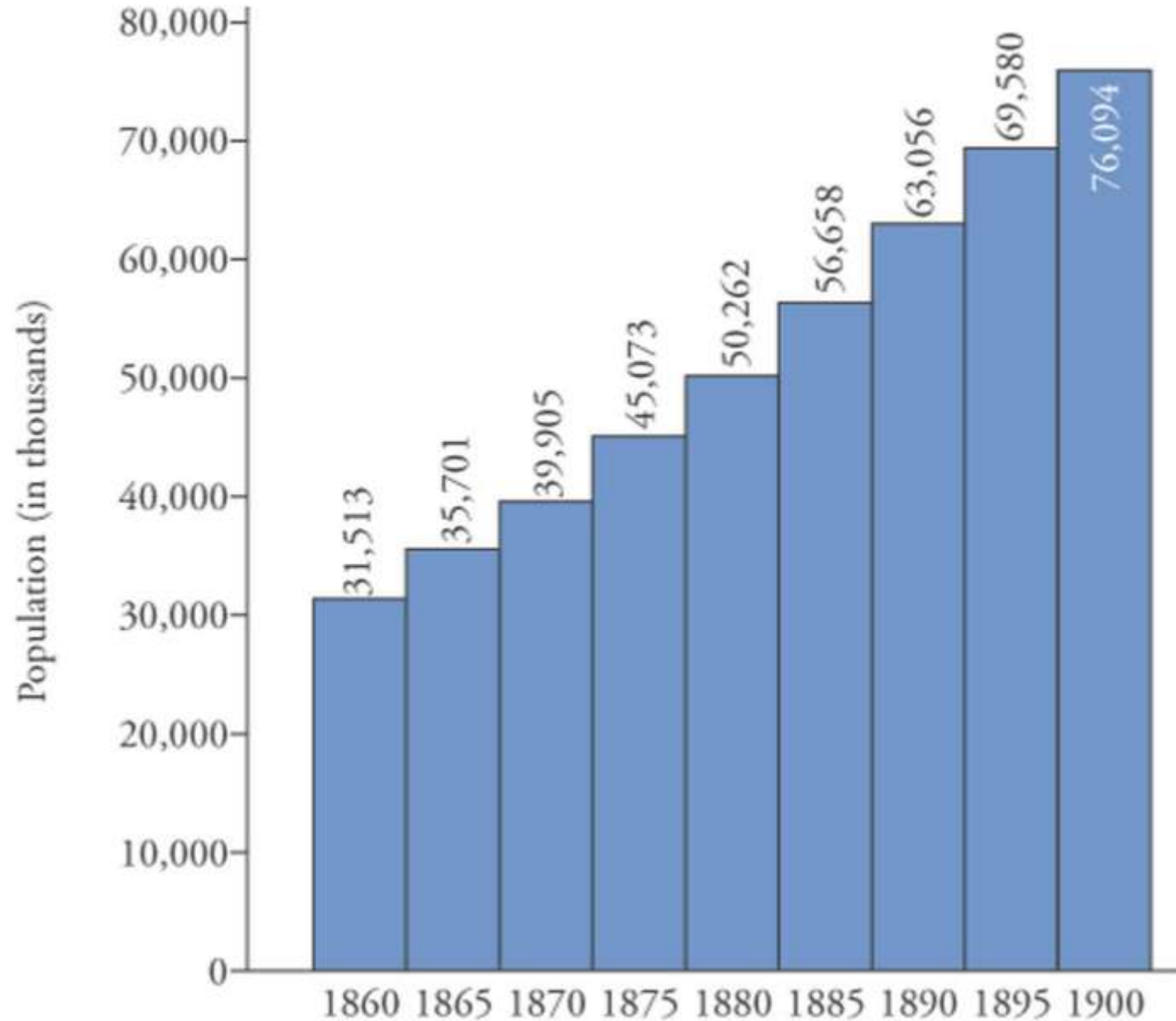




URBANIZATION & IMMIGRATION

Population Growth, 1860-1900

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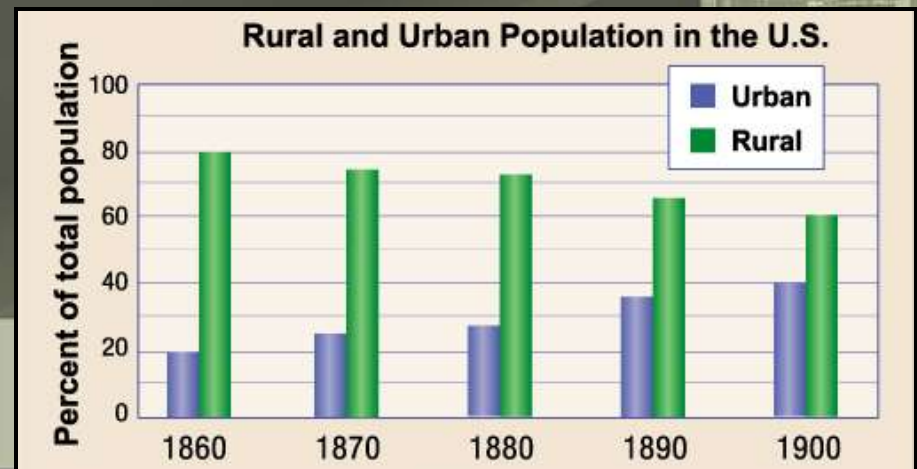
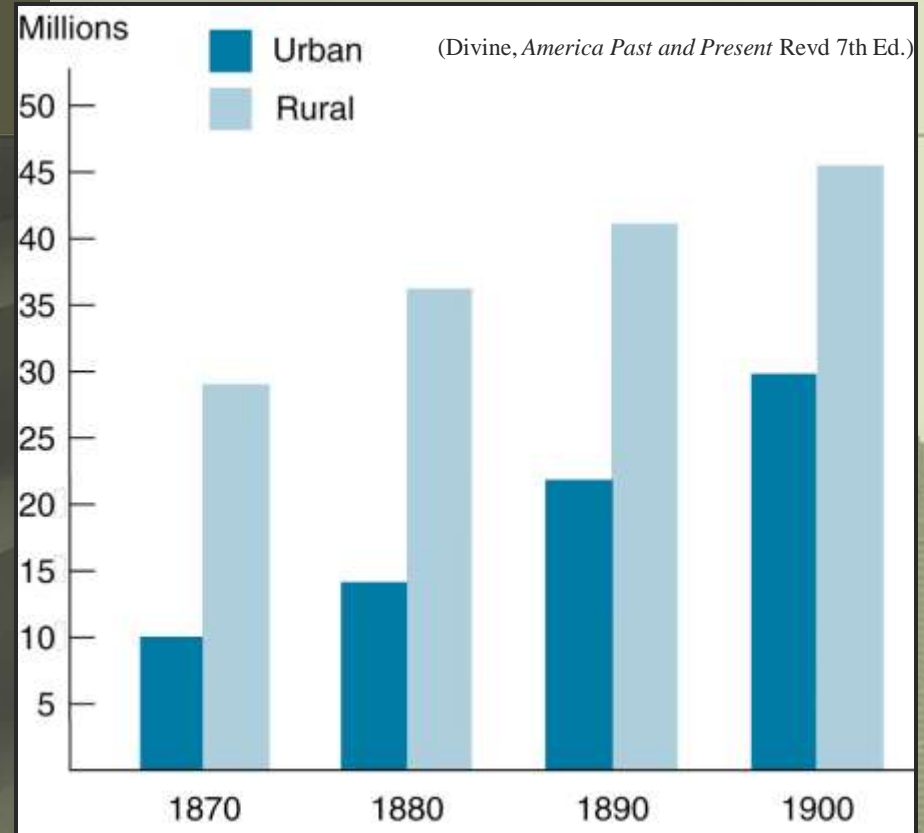


Urbanization

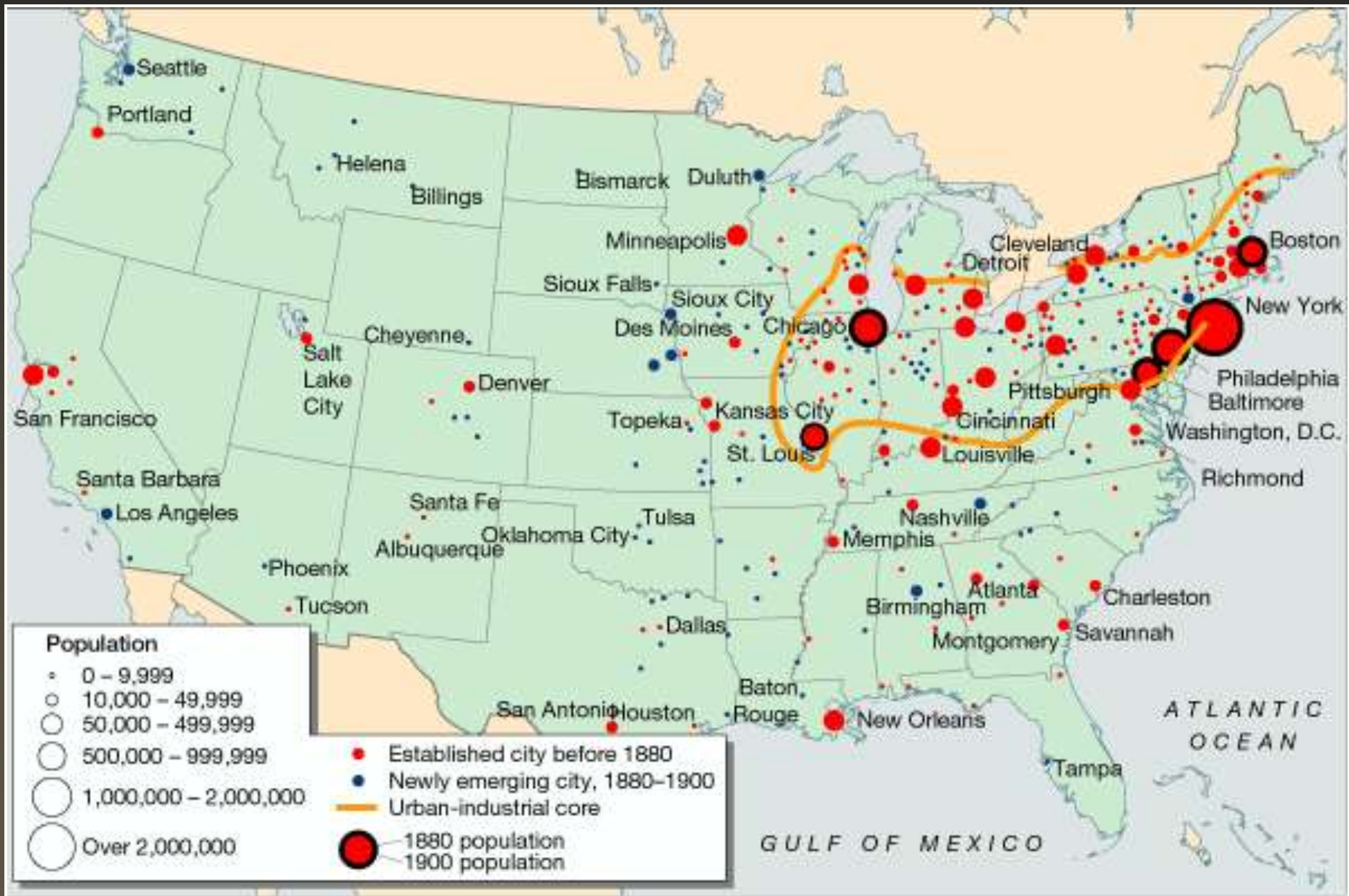
◆ Urbanization

Reasons

- ◆ industrialization
- ◆ mechanization
- ◆ economic opportunity
- ◆ urban culture
- ◆ African Americans
- ◆ gateways for immigrants



Patterns in Urban Growth in Turn-of-the-Century America

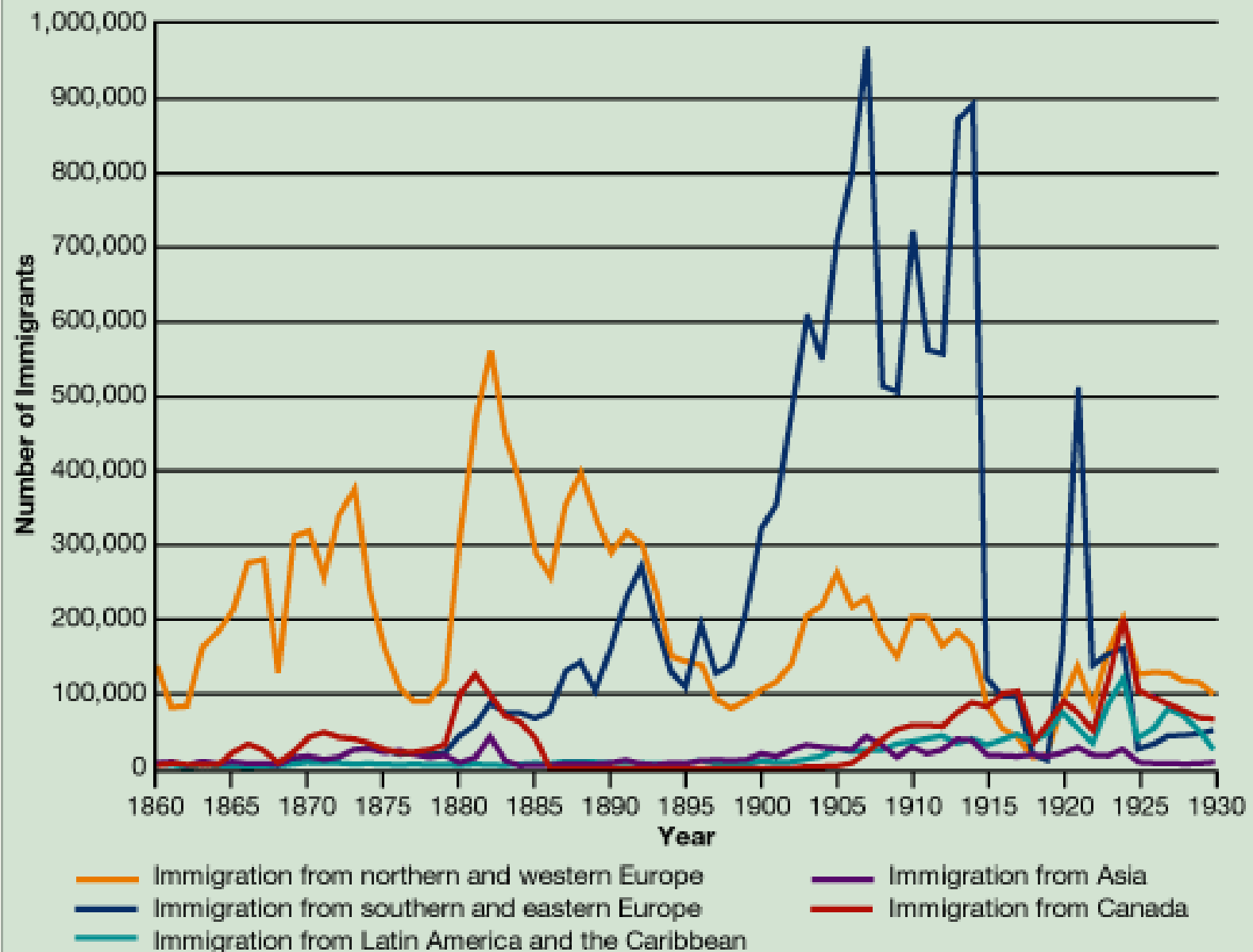


Late 19th Urbanization: Individual Cities

<i>City</i>	<i>1870 Population</i>	<i>1900 Population</i>	<i>Percent Increase</i>
Boston	250,525	560,892	123.88
Chicago	298,977	1,698,575	468.12
Cincinnati	216,239	325,902	50.71
Los Angeles	5,728	102,479	1,689.08
Milwaukee	74,440	285,315	299.37
New Orleans	191,418	287,104	49.98
New York	1,478,103	3,437,202	132.54
Philadelphia	1,293,697	647,022	99.94
Pittsburgh	321,616	86,075	273.64
Portland	90,426	8,293	990.38
Richmond	51,038	85,050	66.64
San Francisco	149,473	342,782	129.32
Seattle	1,107	237,194	21,326.73



Annual Immigration to the United States, 1860-1930



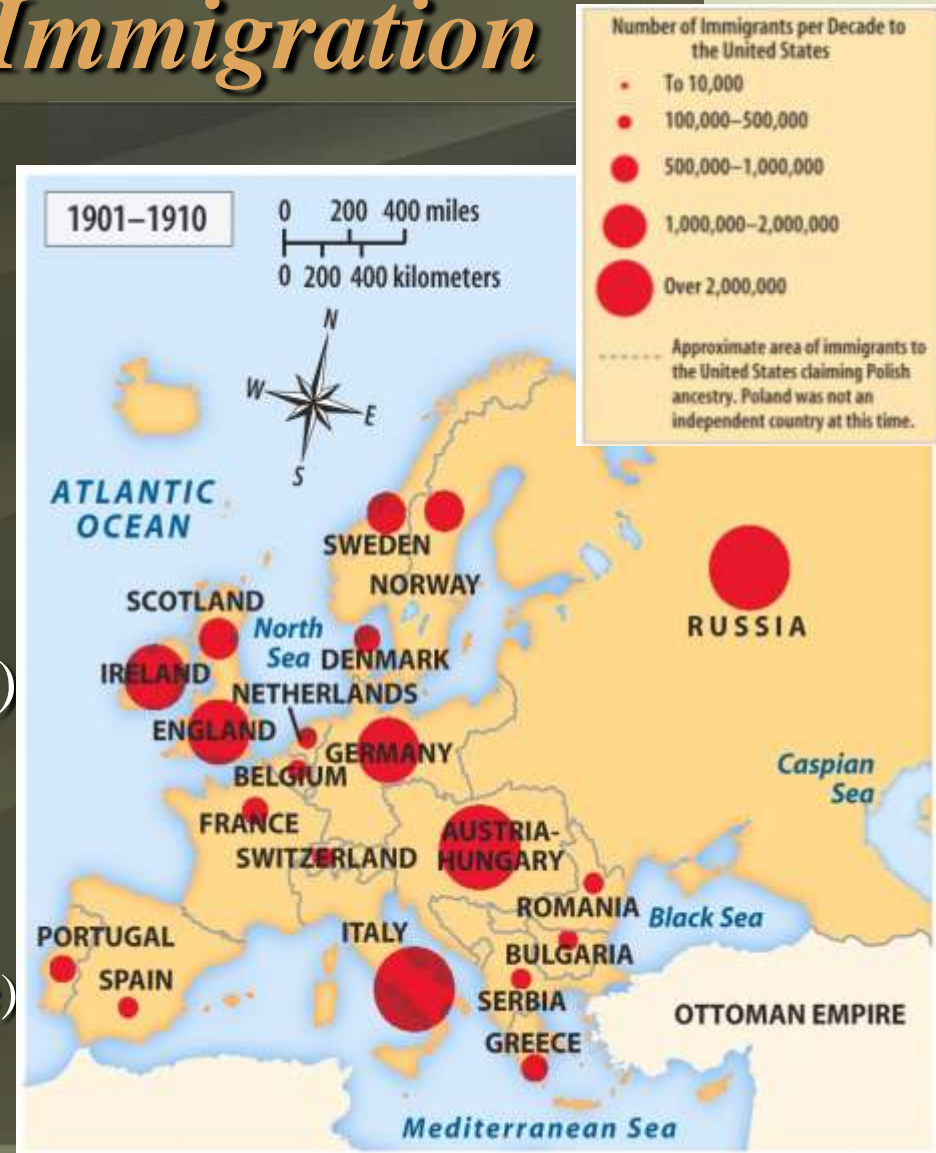
Late 19th Century Immigration

Reasons for Late 19th Century immigration

- ◆ Push factors
- ◆ Pull factors

◆ “old” immigrants (1st wave)

◆ “new” immigrants (2nd wave)

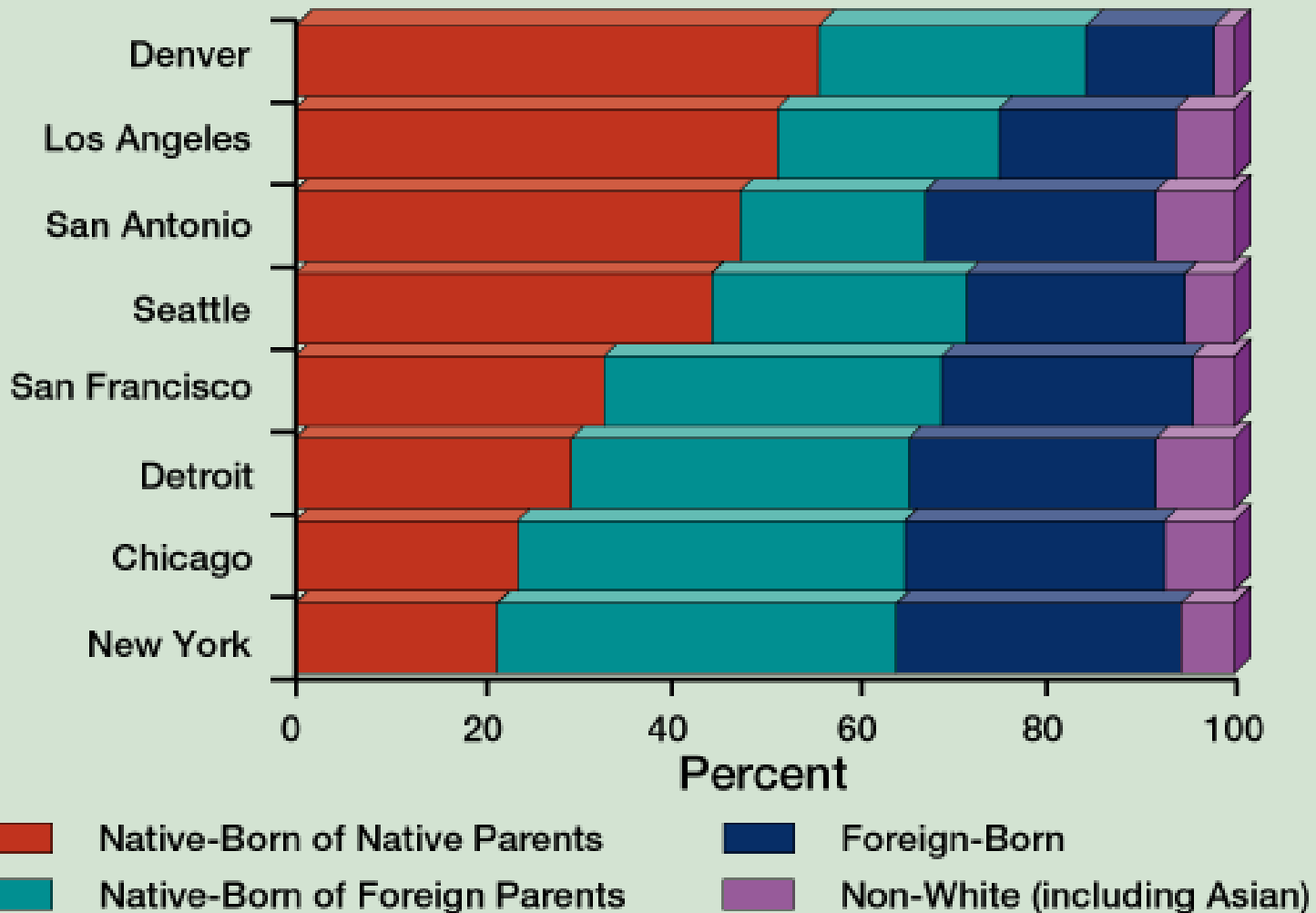


Sources of European Immigration to the United States, 1870-1910
(Henretta, *America's History* 4e)

Foreign-born Population, 1890



Population Composition of Selected Cities, 1920

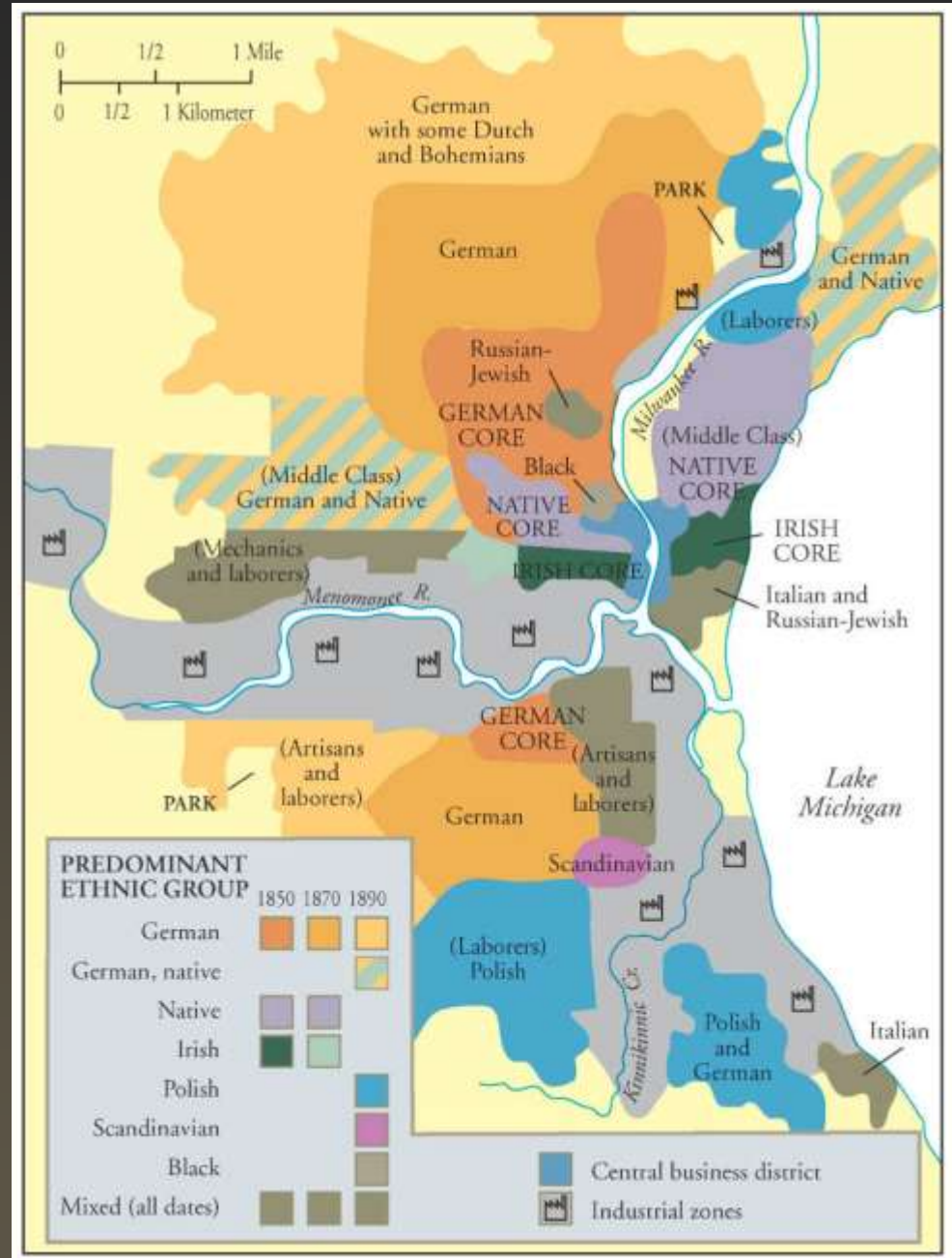


Urbanization

◆ “immigrant ghettos”

◆ Why?

*Ethnic and Class Segregation
in Milwaukee, 1850-1890.*



Efforts at Exclusion

- ◆ Xenophobia / nativism (*Why?*)
- ◆ Chinese Exclusion Act (1882)
- ◆ Contract Labor Act (1885)
- ◆ Restrictions on “undesirable” persons
- ◆ Ellis Island (1892)
- ◆ American Protective Association





*Immigrants
Landing at Ellis
Island, c. 1900*

(National Archives)



Ellis Island ~Examination Room (New York Public Library)



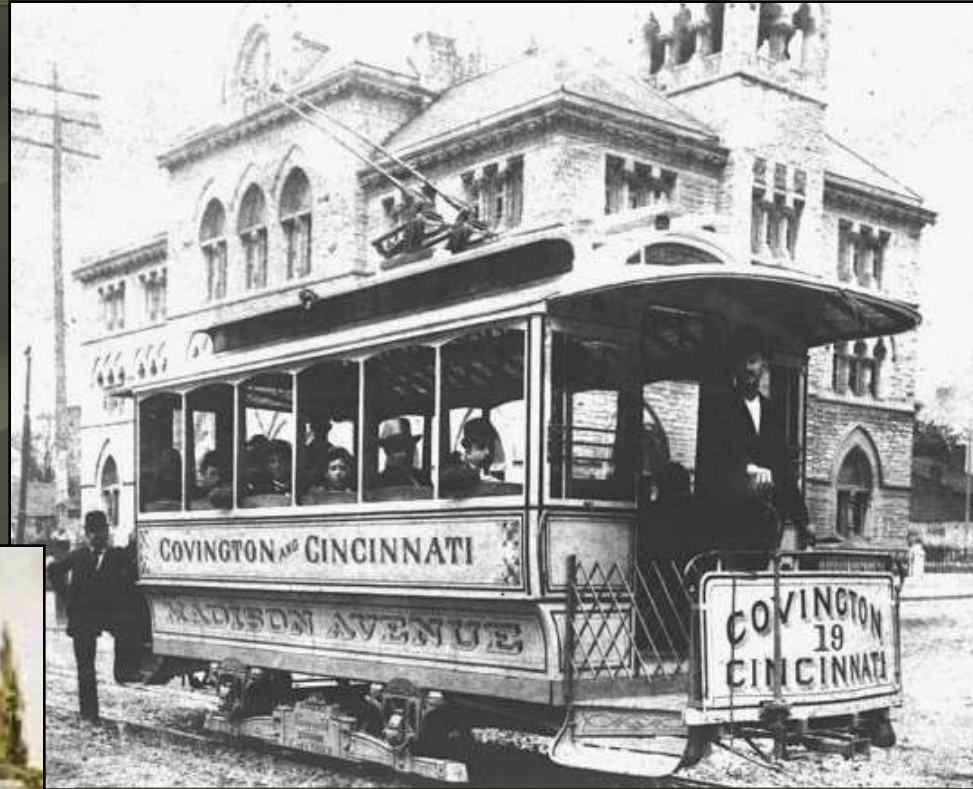
Examination of immigrants at Ellis Island Copyright 1997 State Historical Society of Wisconsin

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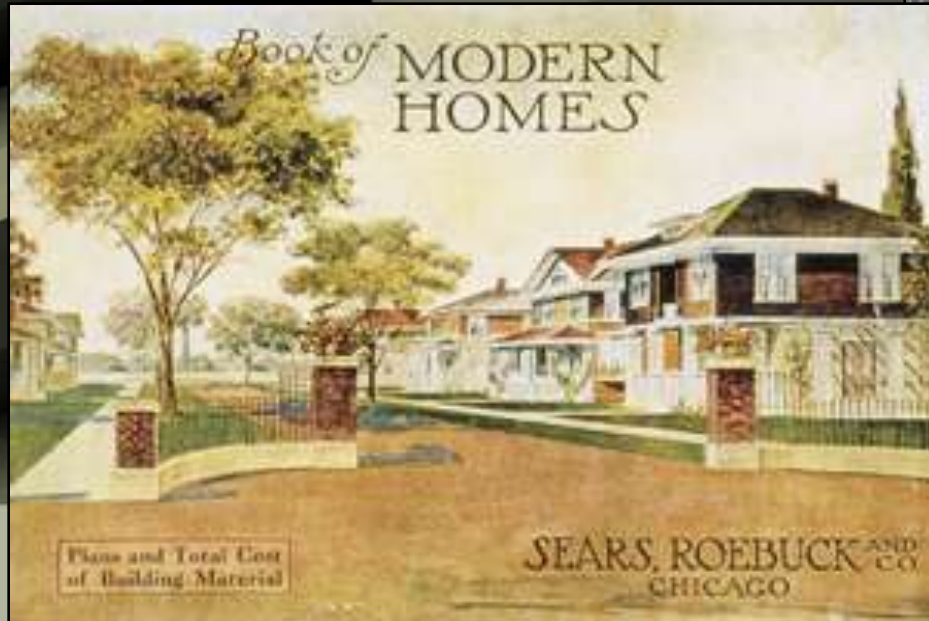
CHANGES IN THE URBAN LANDSCAPE

Changes in the Urban Landscape

- ◆ “walking” cities
- ◆ mass transit
- ◆ suburbs
 - ◆ “streetcar suburbs”
 - ◆ *Why?*



Madison Avenue Trolley, Covington, 1892



Suburban Homes, Sears Catalog, 1911 © Houghton Mifflin Co.

Attempts to Create Order

- ◆ skyscrapers
 - ◆ Louis Sullivan - Chicago

The Flatiron Building,
New York City,
Alfred Steiglitz, 1902



Changes in the Urban Landscape

- ◆ Urban problems?
 - ◆ Sanitation, pollution, crowds
- ◆ Slums
 - ◆ tenements
- ◆ Jacob Riis, *How the Other Half Lives*

Yard of tenement at Park Place, New York City (Library of Congress)



Poor Immigrant Neighborhood, Philadelphia, 1915



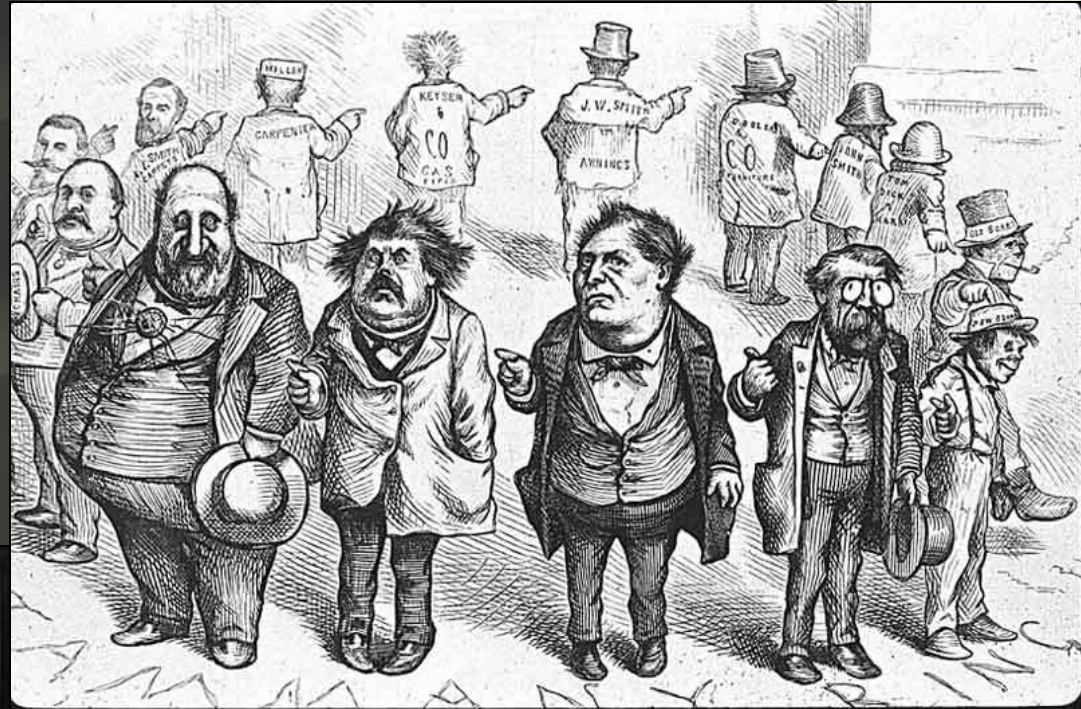
Tenement clotheslines, New York City (Library of Congress)



CRISIS & REFORM

Big City Government and “Bosses”

- ◆ urban machines
- ◆ political boss
 - ◆ William M. Tweed
 - ◆ Tammany Ring
 - ◆ Boss George B. Cox
- ◆ patronage



Bowery men with gift from Ward Boss Tim Sullivan, Feb., 1910

(Library of Congress)

Battling New Economic & Social Problems

- ◆ YMCAs and YWCAs
- ◆ Salvation Army
- ◆ “deserving poor” “undeserving poor”
- ◆ Social Gospel
 - ◆ Walter Rauschenbusch, *Christianity and the Social Crisis*
- ◆ Settlement Houses
 - ◆ Hull House
 - ◆ Jane Addams >



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LEISURE, CULTURE & EDUCATION

Development of Mass Consumption

- ◆ “white collar”
- ◆ ready-made clothing
- ◆ prepared food
- ◆ catalogs
- ◆ chain stores
- ◆ department stores
- ◆ shopping as a leisure activity



Mass Culture: Leisure in the Consumer Society

- ◆ “leisure”
- ◆ baseball - “national pastime”
- ◆ amusement parks
 - ◆ Coney Island
- ◆ newspapers
 - ◆ “yellow journalism”
 - ◆ William Randolph Hurst
 - ◆ Joseph Pulitzer

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Moving Picture Exhibition, 1900

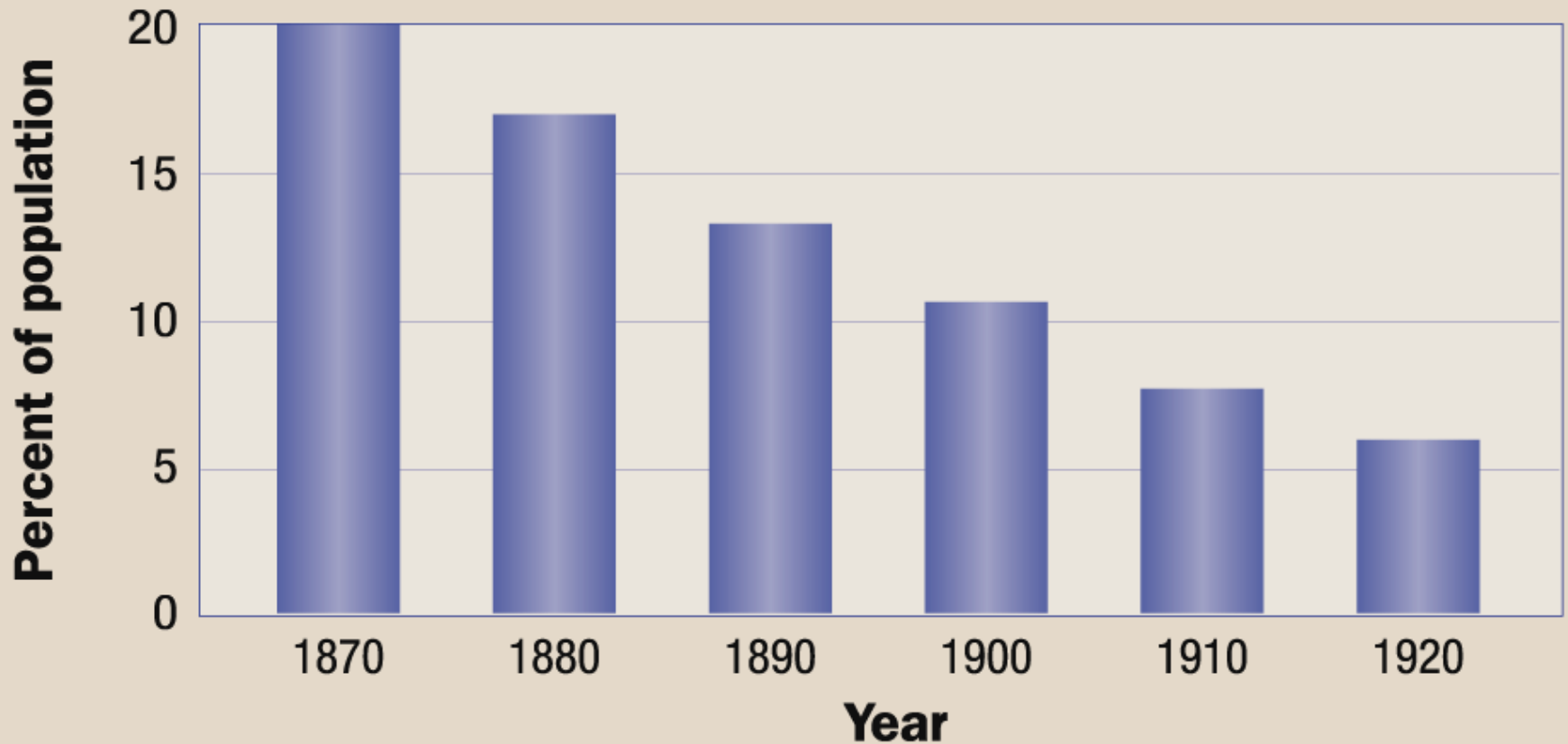
High Culture: Art, Literature & Education

- ◆ “high culture”
- ◆ armory show (1914)
- ◆ Charles Darwin
- ◆ Education:
 - ◆ compulsory attendance laws
 - ◆ “kill the Indian, save the man”
 - ◆ Carlisle Indian Industrial School
- ◆ Colleges: land grant institutions
 - ◆ new female institutions



Education- Illiteracy in the US

Illiteracy in the United States, 1870–1920



SOURCE: *Historical Statistics of the United States, Colonial Times to 1970*