Why Urbanization?

• Industrialization – 1/3 of population in cities by 1900; much faster than EUR
• Half urban in NE; only 7.7 % in S. Atlantic states
• Agricultural depression in late 1800s forced move
• Improved lighting allowed factories to stay open at night → more jobs
• “Walking cities” → Trolley expanded city to suburbs
• 73K power plants by 1900
City Life

- Birth of urban middle class; many owned homes
- Greater distance from work (suburbs)
- Segregation
- Pollution a problem
- Political Machines (Tammany Hall)
  - Growth caused by utility control & high cost projects, votes from Irish in exchange for jobs/housing
- “Gilded Age” = “Conspicuous Consumption”
Social Movements

- Jane Addams – Hull House – Poor/Women’s Rights
  - Along with Lillian Wald & Florence Kelley
  - National Women’s Suffrage Movement (1890)
    - Veterans: Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton
    - Newcomers: Carrie Chapman Catt, Charlotte Perkins Gilman

- Jacob Riis – *How the Other Half Lives*
  - Tenement housing; overcrowding & squalor

- “Social Gospel” – Apply Christian beliefs to pragmatically fix social problems; Episcopalians
• **Civil Service Reform** (1881) – “goo-goo’s”

• Rise in public education post 1870 (160-6K in 1900)
  – John Dewey’s “experiential learning”
  – More colleges, elective subjects & graduate programs too

• Urban improvements
  – Frederick Law Olmsted – Park Movement
  – Brooklyn Bridge
  – Skyscrapers – Louis Sullivan

"Education, therefore, is a process of living and not a preparation for future living."

John Dewey
New Immigrants!

• 1870-1899
  – 11 million people arrived
  – Southern and Eastern Europe
  – Most settled in cities in tenement housing
  – Increase in the supply of labor led to reduction in wages
American Melting Pot?

- **Chinese Immigrants**
  - Helped build the transcontinental railroad
  - 1870—made up 20% of the labor force
  - 1873—recession, Chinese were singled out as taking too much of the workforce

- **Sand Lotters** – people that protested against the Chinese monopoly of labor, killed some workers and burned property of others

- **Chinese Exclusion Act (1882)** – Prohibited most Chinese from settling in America; effective until WWII; Chinese born settlers could not become American citizens
Congress & Immigration

- **Contract Labor Law** (1864) – allowed US employers to contract for cheap European labor
- Abolished

- 1917 – Congress passes a law that required immigrants to take a literacy test
Canadian Immigration

- 1871-1891 – 1.5 million immigrants entered but 2 million left
- 1896-1921 – Population boom, pop. jumped by 64%
- Clifford Sifton's Immigration Campaign – Proposed under Wilfrid Laurier's Liberal Govt to settle western Canada
  - Massive propaganda campaign ($1 million in ads)
  - Poor immigrants had trouble getting started and often returned to the cities
  - Most came b/c of economic and political hardships in Europe: overpop., high taxes, political oppression under Austria-Hungarian empire
  - Came to escape religious persecution – Jews, Mennonites, Doukhobors
  - Winnipeg – major west distribution point for immigrants
Women & Asian Immigrants to CAN

- Single women immigrants – Mostly British; domestic servants → factory workers → lumber camps, boarding houses, restaurants

- **Chinese** – 15,700 came to western Canada to help build CPR → after completion, CPR disclaimed all responsibilities for Chinese workers →
  - 11% of population in British Columbia
  - 1903 – Headtax of $500/per Chinese immigrant
  - Growing number of Japanese
Canada: European Salad Bowl?

• Anglo-conformity – Immigrants from Britain could assimilate better than elsewhere

• Ethnic pecking order – British/American, Western Europeans/Scandinavians, Central/Eastern Europeans/Asians, American blacks (barred from entering Canada)

• Nativism – Intense opposition to internal minority groups b/c of their foreign connection

• Industry supported open door policy toward Eastern Europeans → hardworking, cheap labor, could handle rough conditions

• Frank Oliver, Minister of the Interior, did not favor open door policy toward all → passed legislation to block immigration of blacks, Jews (by 1911 controlled who could immigrate)

There’s no room in my mustache for an open door – F.O.
Minorities in the Salad Bowl

- **Ukranians** – 170,000, settled on prairie, discriminated against for isolating selves, associated with bringing in small pox

- **Doukhobors** – 7400 peasants from a religious pacifist sect in Russia → discriminated against & in Saskatchewan not granted title to lands, land confiscated → moved further west to British Columbia

- Question over whether to extend voting rights/citizenship to Asians
  - **Asiatic Exclusion League** – Extremist org. in West which demonstrated against Asian immigration during recession (1907) → riots in Vancouver's Chinatown/Little Tokyo → gov. restrictions on immigration
  - **Komagata Maru Incident** – 376 Indians arrived in Vancouver harbor → Denied entry into the country; two months remained off shore; finally escorted out to sea by Canadian ship; not allowed entry
  - 1879 – New Constitution prohibited Chinese from owning property or working at certain jobs