Consequences of Industrialization

- Change
  - Physical Environment
  - Social/Cultural
  - Economic

- Conflict
  - Politics
Physical Environment

➢ “Modern America”

▪ urbanization
Tenements
“Social geography” of cities
Social/Cultural Consequences

- Consumer “acquisitive” culture
- “Mass” culture - standardization
- Modern conveniences
- Higher standard of living
Social/Cultural

- Mass Immigration

U.S. population
1880 = 50 million
1900 = 76 million
Immigrants

- Before 1880s
  Northern & Western Europe

- After 1880s
  Southern & Eastern Europe
Jacob Riis
Lewis Hine
Horatio Alger, Jr.

“Rags to Riches”
“Settlement” Homes

Jane Addams
Hull House
Female reformers – “activists”

- Goals?
  - Improve society
  - Improve their own status
Women’s Christian Temperance Union

Frances Willard
Woman suffrage

15th amendment:
“The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude...”
Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Susan B. Anthony
Changes in the Workplace

- New “classes” of workers
  - Wage earners – “working class”
    “blue-collar”
  - Salaried executives - Managers
    “white-collar”
New “classes” of workers

- Women
  - 1880 = 2.6 million
  - 1900 = 8.6 million
- New “classes” of workers
  - Child labor

1890 = 18% of labor force
1900 = 2 million employed
Working Conditions

- Long hours
- Low wages
- Unsafe
- No benefits
Consequences of Industrialization

- Economic
  - economic expansion/diversity
  - productivity increases
  - gap between rich & poor
  - “plutocracy”
  - monopolies
  - Panic of 1893
“Panic of 1893”

- Stock market crash
- Economic panic
- 600 banks close
- 15,000 businesses close
- 20% unemployed
- 1,400 strikes
- Heat wave & drought
President
Grover Cleveland
(Democrat)
Election of 1896

William McKinley (Republican)
Politics in the Gilded Age

- Change
- Conflict
Politics in the Gilded Age

- On the farm
- In the cities
- In industry
- In business
Politics in Rural America

➢ The Grange
Politics in Rural America

- Populist Party
  - Regulation & Reform
  - Government warehouses
  - Graduated income tax
  - Easy credit
  - Government ownership of RRs
  - Free coinage of silver
Populist Party

Election of 1892
Politics in Urban America

- Political “Boss”
- patronage

William “Boss” Tweed
“Tammany Hall”

George Washington Plunkitt
Politics in Industry

➤ Labor Unions
  - Wages
  - Hours
  - Working Conditions
American Federation of Labor (AF of L)

Samuel Gompers
Knights of Labor

Terence Powderly
Women’s Trade Union League
American League of Colored Laborers

Samuel R. Ward

Frederick Douglass
Pinkerton Detective Agency

Allen Pinkerton

Allan Pinkerton in 1867
Homestead Steel Strike - 1892
Pullman Strike - 1894
Politics in Business

➢ Regulation
  ➢ Regulatory Commissions
  ➢ Legislation
Sherman Anti-trust Act 1890

"To protect the consumers by preventing arrangements designed, or which tend, to advance the cost of the consumer"
McKinley Tariff Act 1890
American Foreign Policy