

Immigration and Urbanization

TOPIC SUMMARY

From the end of the Civil War through the 1890s, the nation throbbed with change and prosperity. The American population grew, as did factories and cities, while settlements expanded rapidly in the West. Inventors and scientists contributed to new industrial processes, increased productivity, and improved communication. There were many underlying causes for these dramatic developments. Two of the most important were immigration and urbanization.

Analyzing Information

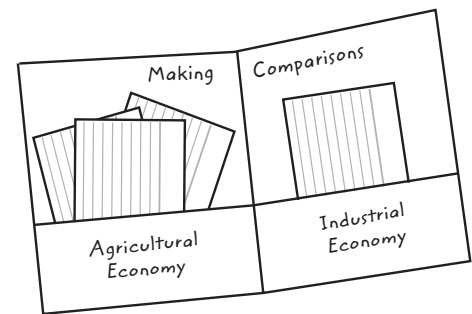
RESEARCH	CAUSES	EFFECTS
Immigration		
Urbanization		

Folded Table

Students can clarify their understanding of how immigration and urbanization are related by making this Foldable. They should create a four-celled Folded Table that lists the causes and effects of immigration and urbanization. In each cell, they should list as many causes and effects of each phenomenon as possible, adding approximate dates where appropriate.

Materials Needed: one sheet of 8.5" by 11" paper, scissors

Comparing an Agricultural and an Industrial Economy

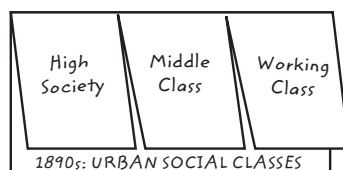


Pocket Book

Contemporary urban America is very different from the days when the nation was made up of farmers and people living in small towns. For example, some ways in which a rural and urban society differ is reflected in the types of occupations, level of income, and different social classes and social relations among them. Have students create a pocket foldable and then be as specific as possible in describing all the possible differences. These will be listed on index cards for placement in the pockets.

Materials Needed: one sheet of 8.5" by 11" paper, index cards, glue

Categorizing Urban Social Classes



Three-Tab Book

Students can create a Three-Tab Foldable to help them review urban social classes. They should focus on either late 19th-century or contemporary American society. For each social class, they should be as specific as possible in listing characteristics of each group, for example: occupations, approximate wealth, and political and social attitudes.

Materials Needed: two sheets of 8.5" by 11" paper, stapler or glue.