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| **Europeans**: 1870-1920~20 million. Increased #’s from south and north Europe (Italy, Austria-Hungary, Russia). Why? Religious persecution, high populations, job opportunities in U.S.**Chinese and Japanese**: Arrived on the West Coast. Discovery of gold, worked on RR, farming, mining.**West Indies and Mexico**: 1880-1920~260,000 immigrants (Jamaica, Cuba, PR). Jobs were scarce and there was political turmoil. | **Urbanization:** growth of cities (especially in the NE and Midwest).Most immigrants move to cities (cheaper, convenient, jobs for unskilled workers).**Americanization:** assimilate people of wide ranging cultures into the dominate.Migration from country to cities: AA moved north and west (Chicago and Detroit) to escape racial violence, economic hardship and political oppression. Conditions only slightly better. |
| Traveled by ship and very difficult.**Ellis Island**: NY Harbor Immigration Station. 2% were denied access to the U.S. Process took about 5 hrs. Included: physical exams, document check and legal requirements (not a felon, able to work, some money).**Angel Island**: West Coast Immigration Station. Much more harsh than Ellis Island. | **Housing:** Tenements, overcrowded and unsanitary.**Transportation:** Mass transit, designed to move large #’s of people.**Water:** Problem of safe drinking water.**Sanitation:** No dependable garbage collection, waste in the street, by 1900 some sewer lines.**Crime:** increase in population led to higher pickpockets and thieves. NYC organized first full-time, salaried police force.**Fire:** due to limited water supply, wooden dwellings, use of candles and kerosene heaters led to creation of fire departments. |
| **Melting Pot**: belief of many native-born Americans that the country was a mixture of different cultures and races. Not all immigrants wanted to leave everything behind.**Rise of Nativism**: Favoritism toward native-born Americans. Objected more to immigrant’s religious beliefs than ethnic backgrounds.**Anti-Asian Sentiment**: strong in the West. Fear of Chinese taking jobs. **Chinese Exclusion Act**: Banned entry from 1882-1943 (some exceptions, not intended to last that long). | **Settlement houses:** community houses in slum neighborhoods and provide assistance (especially to immigrants).**Social Gospel Movement:** preached salvation through service to the poor.**Jane Addams:** one of the most influential members of the movement. Helped found Chicago Hull House. |