

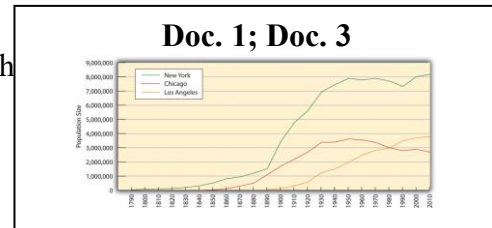
## Debrief Document, DBQ-Reading Guide VI.

**Prompt: “The city was the crowning monument to American industrialization. In it were focused the best and the worst innovations of the machine age.” Assess the validity of the statement, using the following documents and your knowledge of the period 1865-1900.**

### Introduction:

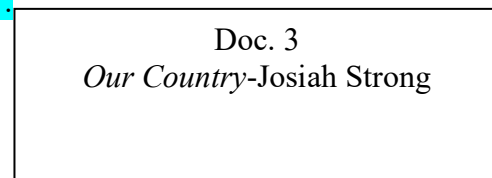
Late 19<sup>th</sup> century industrialization led to the rapid urbanization of American society. In the city of late 19<sup>th</sup> century America could be found many innovations and changes, some challenging— These inspire positive efforts at solution: the **growing gap between wealth and poverty inspire efforts to address that disparity**; **challenges to existing religious and economic institutions inspire change**; and **cultural and technological adjustments are made to new address new needs and requirements**. These various challenges were mostly addressed successfully (We still haven’t solved all the problems . . .).

- A. **Growing disparity between wealth and poverty . . .**
1. Traditional American beliefs-Gospel of Wealth
  2. Growing poverty with New Immigration . . .
  3. Writers and philosophies . . .
  4. Corruption-Boss Tweed

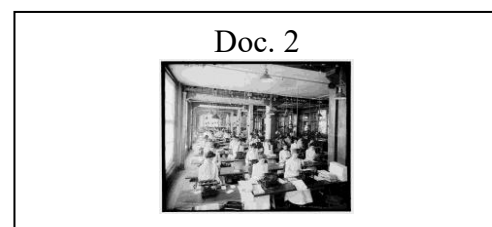
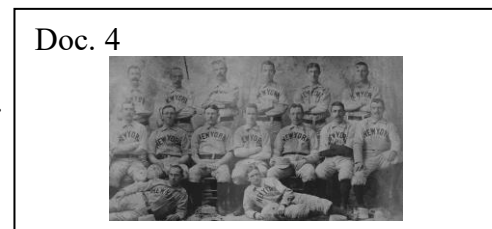


- B. **Inspired efforts to address that disparity . . .**
1. Reform efforts-NAACP
  2. Women’s rights movement-NAWSA
  3. Temperance movement-WCTU
  4. Radicalism

- C. **Challenges to existing religious and social institutions . . .**
1. Challenges to orthodoxy-Darwin
  2. Secular urban trends
  3. Socialized churches



- D. **Cultural Opportunities and technological innovations**
1. Architecture and mechanical-Louis Sullivan
  2. An Educational Renaissance-High School, . . .
  3. Art & literature-Literacy Rate . . .
  4. Population and money concentration . . .
  5. Women and job opportunities . . .



E. Synthesis

1. Prohibition reform in the 1920s aimed at cities . . .
2. New York City draft riots caused by wealth disparity in city (Civil War).
3. Fear of immigration (nativism) that some find similar to immigration issue that led to Alien and Sedition Acts.
4. Some specific example of problems today-In and Out and Denny's and Oakland.