THE INDUSTRIALIZATION OF THE UNITED STATES: THE RISE OF THE AMERICAN CITY

SSUSH11 The student will describe the growth of big business and technological innovations after Reconstruction.

- a. Explain the impact of the railroads on other industries, such as steel, and on the organization of big business.
- d. Describe the inventions of Thomas Edison; include the electric light bulb, motion pictures, and the phonograph, and their impact on American life

SSUSH12 The student will analyze important consequences of American industrial growth.

a. Describe Ellis Island, the change in immigrants' origins to southern and eastern Europe and the impact of this change on urban America.

SSUSH14 The student will explain America's evolving relationship with the world at the turn of the twentieth century.

a. Explain the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 and anti-Asian immigration sentiment on the west coast.

The Rise of
the Steel
Industry

- 1. In the mid-19th century, how did the process of making steel change?
- 2. What steel tycoon brought this new steel-making process to the United States?
- 3. What effect did steel have on the "new" American city?
- 4. How did railroads and canals benefit the new, bustling steel industry?
- 5. Define "urban":
- 6. Define "urbanization":

Immigration & the American City

- 1. What types of opportunities did the city have?
- 2. Why did immigrants come to America in the last decades of the 19th century?
- 3. No longer were immigrants coming to the United States from Ireland in the same numbers. From what parts of Europe were these new immigrants coming?

On the map to the right, circle the three countries most of the new immigrants were coming from:

- 4. Most of these new immigrants lived in tenements. What are tenements?
- 5. Immigrants arriving at Ellis Island originated where?
- 6. Immigrants arriving at Angel Island originated where?



7. Define "nativism": 8. Why did many born here in the United States fear the mass influx of immigrants? 9. The Chinese Exclusion Act passed in 1882 had what effect on immigration? 10. Why is the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act significant in American history? 1. What important invention is credited to Alexander Graham Bell? **Technology** Spurs the 2. Who was Thomas Edison? **Growth of** Cities 3. For each of Edison's inventions, explain how it impacted American life. a. the light bulb: b. the phonograph: c. the motion picture camera: