* ***Population changes, growth of cities, and new inventions produced interaction and often conflict between different cultural groups.***
* ***Population changes, growth of cities, and new inventions produced problems in urban areas.***

**Reasons for the increase in immigration**

1. Hope for better opportunities
2. Desire for religious freedom
3. Escape from oppressive (harsh, cruel, or unfair) governments
4. Desire for adventure

**Reasons why cities grew and developed**

1. Specialized industries
* Steel - Pittsburgh
* Meat packing - Chicago
1. Immigration to America from other countries
2. Movement of Americans from rural to urban areas for job opportunities
* ***Rapid industrialization and urbanization led to overcrowded immigrant neighborhoods and tenements.***

**Efforts to solve immigration problems**

1. Settlement houses: an institution in an inner-city area providing educational, recreational, and other social services to the community.
* Hull House founded by Jane Addams in Chicago
1. Political machines: gained power by attending to the needs of new immigrants. **Offered jobs or a place to live to immigrants in exchange for votes.**
* *Political Machine: organization, headed by a single boss or small group that commands enough votes to maintain political and administrative control of a city, county, or state.*

**Challenges Faced by Cities**

* **Tenements** (poorly built, overcrowded housing where many immigrants lived) and **ghettos** (places of with high number of any minority)
* Political corruption (political machines used legal and illegal methods to ensure that their candidates won elections)