



Jacob Riis and Immigrants (11.2.2)

Background:

As one of the first photojournalists Jacob Riis brought light to the plight of the poor in New York. He used his camera and journalistic talents to show Americans what life was like for many of the urban poor. His work would go on to inspire reform in housing laws and others to make reforms.

Prompt:

What was life like in American cities during the Industrial Era?

Task:

In a well-thought out essay:

- Write a thesis in response to the prompt.
- Explain what evidence in the documents led you to this conclusion.
- Be certain to cite at least three pieces of evidence from the documents that support your thesis.