**US HISTORY *GILDED AGE READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS*  
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Immigration**

1. List two push factors and two pull factors for immigration to the United States at this time.
2. How many immigrants came to the US between 1800 and 1880?
3. What is the difference between old and new immigrants?
4. What is the difference between Ellis Island and Angel Island? What sorts of steps did you have to go through to past through these immigration centers?
5. Describe how immigrants to the US coped with their new surroundings. What sorts of things did they do to build their life in the US?
6. Name 5 different job opportunities available to immigrants arriving in the US at this time.
7. Why did some native born Americans dislike new immigrants to the country? (These people are called Nativists)
8. What caused the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act 1882, and did the cause justify this extreme measure? Why or why not?

**Urbanization**

1. How did the development of mass transit contribute to the growth of cities in the US?
2. Describe what life was like for the upper, middle, and lower social classes which influenced by industrialization, immigration, and urbanization in the 1800s.
3. Describe living conditions in urban tenement buildings.
4. What were conditions like for African Americans living in urban American cities in the 1800s?
5. What was the purpose of a settlement house?
6. What was the Social Gospel movement and how did it help improve urban life?
7. Do you agree more with the ideas of the Social Gospel or the Gospel of Wealth?