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Set a Purpose

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Have students discuss the statements in pairs or groups of four, then mark their worksheets again. Use the Numbered Heads participation structure (TE, p. T38) to call on students to share their group’s perspectives. The students will return to these worksheets later.

Main Idea

Industrialization, migration, and technology all contributed to the growth of American cities.

Use Latin Word Origins

Use the Latin root -ization to define the word attracting. Then, name at least one other related word that shows the influence of this root.

Rapid Growth of Cities

“The cannot all live in cities,” wrote journalist Horace Greeley, “yet nearly all seem determined to do so.” Greeley was describing the growth of American cities in the late 1800s.

Urbanization

The rate of urbanization was astonishing. Urbanization was the rapid growth of city populations. In 1860, only one American in five was a city dweller. By 1890, one in three lived in a city. For the first time, the United States had cities the sizes of London and Paris.

The reason for this rapid urbanization was simple. Cities attracted industry, and industry attracted people. Farmers, immigrants, and African Americans from the South all migrated to cities in search of jobs and excitement.

Many fast-growing cities were located near waterways. New York and San Francisco had excellent ocean harbors. Chicago rose on the shores of Lake Michigan. Cities near waterways drew industry because they provided easy transport for goods.
Growing Out and Up  
New technology helped cities grow. Elevated trains carried passengers over crowded streets. In 1887, the first electric streetcar system opened in Richmond, Virginia. Ten years later, the nation’s first electric subway trains began running beneath the streets of Boston.

Public transportation gave rise to suburbs, living areas on the outskirts of a city. People no longer had to live in cities to work in cities. Steel bridges also accelerated suburban growth. The Brooklyn Bridge, completed in 1883, linked the city center in Manhattan to outlying Brooklyn. As a result, New York City was able to spread out to house its growing population.

Cities began to expand upward as well as outward. In 1885, architects in Chicago constructed the first 10-story building. People called it a “skyscraper” because its top seemed to touch the sky. By 1900, steel-framed skyscrapers up to 30 stories high towered over cities. Electric elevators whisked office workers to the upper floors.

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Checkpoint How did technology change city life?

Problems of Urban Life

Rapid urbanization brought many problems. Fire was a constant threat to tightly packed neighborhoods. In 1871, fire engulfed Chicago. Winds blew flames across the city faster than a person could run. The Chicago Fire leveled 3 square miles of downtown, killed 300 people, and left 10,000 homeless.

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Main Idea
As cities grew, they faced a variety of problems, especially in the poorest neighborhoods.

Teach

Rapid Growth of Cities

Vocabulary Builder
High-Use Words Before teaching this section, preteach the High-Use Words accelerate and clinic using the strategy on TE page 481.

Key Terms Have students continue to fill in the See It—Remember It chart for the Key Terms in this chapter.

Checkpoint Ask students to explain why the proximity of waterways helped cities grow. (Waterways provided easy transport of goods.)

To help the students better understand the concept of urbanization, which is important to the understanding of this chapter, use the Concept Lesson Urbanization. Provide students with a copy of the Concept Organizer.

Checkpoint Use the Skyscraper transparency to engage students in a discussion of building technology and urban life.

Independt Practice

Have students begin filling in the study guide for this section.

Monitor Progress

As students fill in the study guide, circulate and make sure individuals understand the expansion of cities. Provide assistance as needed.

Answers

Checkpoint Steel and elevators made skyscrapers possible. Elevated trains, streetcars, and modern bridges allowed easy transport in urban areas.

Link Past and Present Possible answers: no horses, buildings would be higher, there would be automobiles.

History Background

Expanding Cities. In 1850, six cities had a population above 100,000. One out of twenty people lived in a city. By 1900, 36 cities had populations over 100,000, with almost one out of five people living in a city. Chicago and Philadelphia had over one million residents, while New York City had almost 3.5 million.

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Teach

Rapid Growth of Cities

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Instruction

■ Have students read Problems of Urban Life. Remind students to look for support for the Main Idea.
■ Discuss settlement houses. Ask: What services did Jane Addams provide for poor people at Hull House? (teaching English, child care, recreation for young people) Ask: How did these activities help people? (Possible answers: They helped people work, adjust to American life, and briefly escape from tenement homes.)

Independent Practice

Have students continue filling in the study guide for this section.

Interactive Reading and Notetaking Study Guide, Chapter 14, Section 3 (Adapted Version also available.)

Monitor Progress

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Answers

Clarify Problems Possible answer: They all lived in one room and were crowded, causing poor sanitation and disease.

Checkpoint poor sanitation, overcrowding, rampant disease, child deaths, the danger of fire

Universal Access

Advanced Readers

Describing Urban Life Using information from the text and additional research, have students write two paragraphs. The first paragraph should describe city life from the perspective of a poor tenement dweller. The second paragraph should describe urban life from the perspective of a wealthy person who lives in a mansion on the outskirts of town. After writing the paragraphs, have students share their work with the class. Then have students identify similarities and differences between the two experiences of urban life.

Gifted and Talented

Describing Urban Life Have students continue filling in the study guide for this section.

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A Tenement Family

This photograph shows a family in their New York tenement apartment. Critical Thinking: Clarify Problems: Based on this photograph and your reading, identify one problem this family might face daily.

Tenement Life In downtown slums, the poor lived in bleak conditions. People crowded into tenements, buildings divided into many tiny apartments. Many apartments had no windows, heat, or indoor plumbing. Often, 10 people might live in a single room. Several families shared a single bathroom. Slum streets were littered with garbage. Outbreaks of cholera and other diseases were common. Babies ran the greatest risk. In one Chicago slum, half of all babies died before the age of one.

Improving City Life In the 1880s, cities began to improve urban life. They installed streetlights and set up fire, sanitation, and police departments. Public health officials waged war on disease. Religious groups served the poor. Mother Cabrini, a Catholic nun, set up hospitals and clinics for people who could not afford a doctor. The Salvation Army, founded by a Methodist minister, gave food, clothing, and shelter to the homeless.

Settlement Houses Reformers like Jane Addams worked hard for poor city dwellers. Addams came from a well-to-do family, but she felt strong sympathy for the poor. In 1889, she opened Hull House, a settlement house in the slums of Chicago. A settlement house is a center offering help to the urban poor. Soon, reformers—most of them women—had started settlement houses in other major cities.

At settlement houses, volunteers taught English to immigrants, sponsored music and sports for young people, and provided nurseries for children of working mothers. Addams and other settlement house leaders also pressured state legislatures to outlaw child labor.
The Excitement of City Life

Despite hardships, cities offered attractions that were not available in the country. Newcomers were awed by electric lights that turned night into day, elevated railroads rumbling overhead, and tall buildings that seemed to pierce the clouds.

**Department Stores** Downtown shopping areas attracted hordes of people. People came to buy the goods pouring in from American factories. To meet the needs of shoppers, merchants developed a new type of store, the department store.

Earlier, people had bought shirts in one store, boots in another, and lamps in a third. A department store offered all of these goods in separate sections of the same store. Shoppers could wander from floor to floor, bathed in light from crystal chandeliers. Elegant window displays advertised the goods for sale.

**Leisure Activities** Long hours on the job made people value their free time. This strict division between work and play led to a new interest in leisure. To meet this need, cities provided a wealth of entertainment. Almost every museum, orchestra, art gallery, and theatre was located in a city. Circuses drew audiences with elephants, lions, acrobats, and clowns.

In the 1850s, Frederick Law Olmsted planned Central Park in New York. Other cities followed suit. Parks, zoos, and gardens enabled urban dwellers to enjoy green grass and open air.

**History Background**

A Historian’s Perspective

Historian Ross Miller, writing about Chicago before and after the Great Fire of 1871 in his book *American Apocalypse*, explores how the people of Chicago responded to the disaster. He suggests that the energy and creativity of the Chicagoans’ response expressed the American desire for quick fixes. According to Miller, Americans lacking the patience to address complex social and political problems tend to seek an irrevocable clean sweep. The people of Chicago therefore came to see the fire as an opportunity because it instantly removed all the old barriers to meaningful civic and social change.

**The Excitement of City Life**

**Reading Charts**

- **Skills Activity**: The movement of large numbers of people to cities was one of the biggest social changes of the late 1800s.
  - (a) **Interpret Charts**: How did technology encourage the growth of cities?
  - (b) **Analyze Cause and Effect**: Why was the growth of industry a cause of urbanization?

**Cause and Effect**

- **CAUSES**
  - Growth of industries in cities attracted workers.
  - African Americans from the South and immigrants sought a better life.
  - Many cities near waterways attracted industries.
  - Technological advances led cities to construct subways, trolleys, streetlights, bridges, and skyscrapers.
  - Many leisure activities that cities provided drew people to urban areas.

- **EFFECTS**
  - Urban transportation systems enabled people to live in one part of the city and work in another.
  - Flood of people into cities led to teeming neighborhoods that became slums.
  - Improvements in transportation gave rise to suburbs.
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What type of housing in a city attracted people? What other role did technology play in urbanization? Give at least two examples.

1. (a) Describe Why did cities grow rapidly after the Civil War? How does this influence the meaning of the term suburb? What other word in Section 3 shares the influence of the root urb?  
2. (a) Identify What type of housing did poor city dwellers live in? What other word in Section 3 shares the influence of the root urb?  
3. Suburb means “below”—or “outside of”—the city. Urbanization

Sports  Americans had always enjoyed outdoor games. Not until after the Civil War, however, did professional sports teams begin to spring up in cities. The most popular sport by far was baseball. A guidebook of the time noted:

“Base ball first taught us Americans the value of physical exercise as an important aid... in cultivating the mind up to its highest point. It is to the introduction of base ball as a national pastime, in fact, that the growth of athletic sports in general in popularity is largely due.”

—[Spalding's Official Base Ball Guide, 1889]

The first professional team, the Cincinnati Red Stockings, appeared in 1869. Only seven years later, teams from eight cities formed the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs. A game might draw as many as 5,000 fans, loudly rooting for their city's home team. African American players, banned from the majors in the 1880s, formed their own professional baseball league.

In 1891, James Naismith nailed two peach baskets to the walls of a gym in Springfield, Massachusetts. He handed players a soccer ball and challenged them to throw the ball in the basket. The new game, called basketball, became a favorite winter sport. Football was also popular. At the time, the sport was brutal and dangerous. Players wore no helmets. In one season, 44 college players died of injuries.

What leisure activities did city dwellers enjoy?

Looking Back and Ahead  You have already learned that immigration contributed to the growth of cities. In the next section, you will take a closer look at immigrant life.

Answers will vary. Arguments in favor of the opinion should refer to the excitement and opportunities of urban life. Answers opposed to the opinion should refer to the problems of urban life.