Preparation Questions for Wed, Feb 20 – Chapter 18

Who were the “new immigrants” in the late 19th century?

What challenges did new immigrants to the United States face?

What steps did immigrants take to meet these challenges?

What was the “assimilation dilemma”?

What factors contributed to rapid urban growth in the late 19th century?

What was it like to live in a late-19th century American city?

What is a “political machine”? What role did they play in late-19th century cities? Did they help or hinder immigrant assimilation?

Who opposed urban political machines?

What solutions and alternatives did they offer?

What are some of the various metaphors for American society’s multiculturalism?

Which one do you think best describes the ACTUAL situation in the early 20th century US?

Which one do you think SHOULD define American assimilation?

Identify the 5 most important terms / concepts from this reading (and WHY they are important)

Preparation Questions for Fri, Feb 22 – Chapter 19

Define “Progressivism.”

What were the roots or origins of Progressivism?

In what ways was the era of 1900-1917 marked by a “search for order”?

How was Progressivism similar to / different from Populism?

What social problems were Progressives trying to address?

What were their approaches, strategies, and values?

How does the movement for women’s suffrage typify a Progressive movement? What division within the broad category of “women” did the movement reveal?

How does the movement for African American economic and social justice typify a Progressive movement? What division within the broad category of “African American” did the movement reveal?

How does the movement for Indian rights typify a Progressive movement? What division within the broad category of “Indian” did the movement reveal?

Who gained and who lost political influence as a result of progressive reforms?

How did each of these presidents affect the role of the federal government in progressive reform?

* Theodore Roosevelt
* William Howard Taft
* Woodrow Wilson

What are legacies of Progressivism?