


Mini-Unit 7A

New South and Politics of the Gilded Age

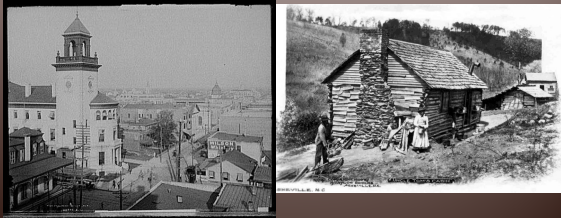
What are we doing?

1. Discuss the rise of the "New South"
2. Discuss the rise of political machines and urban politics in the Gilded Age
3. Watch the Presidents DVD from Rutherford B. Hayes to Grover Cleveland (24)
4. Turn in handout for Kennedy's Ch. 23
5. Review for the Midterm Exam.
6. Take the Midterm.
7. Finally, REST!!



Rise of the New South

Post-Reconstruction South and Segregation, 1877-1900



The New South

- Henry Grady, *The Atlanta Constitution*
- New businesses and investments after Reconstruction
- New cities emerge
- Tourism – Jacksonville!!
- “Romance of Reunion”
- South still economically behind

Duval Hotel (late 1800s)



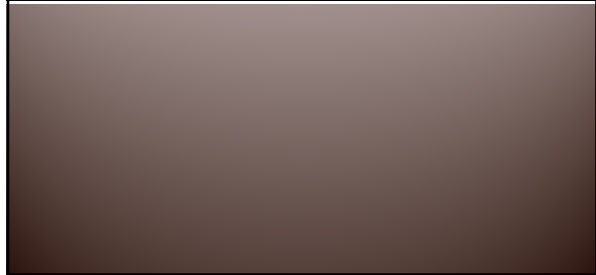
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Jim Crow Segregation

- Restrictions on black voting:
 - Literacy tests, voter registration laws, poll taxes
- Restrictions on blacks in society
 - Jim Crow segregation
 - 1883 *Civil Rights* cases
 - 1896 *Plessy v. Ferguson* – “separate but equal”
- Opposing discrimination: Booker T. Washington vs. W.E.B. DuBois

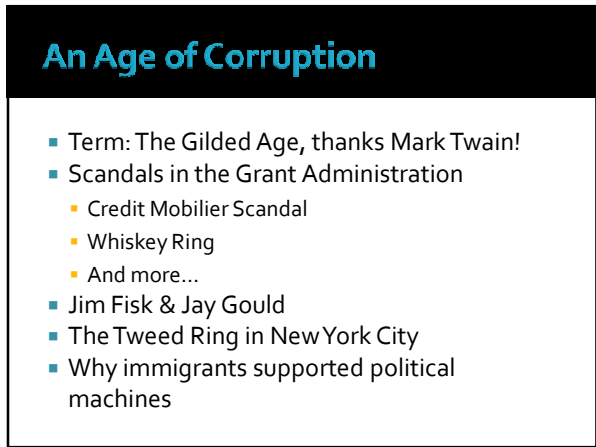
Political Machines and Urban Politics

Graft and corruption in the major cities



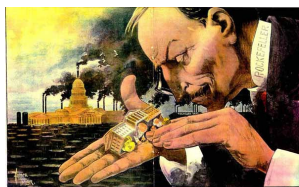
An Age of Corruption

- Term: The Gilded Age, thanks Mark Twain!
- Scandals in the Grant Administration
 - Credit Mobilier Scandal
 - Whiskey Ring
 - And more...
- Jim Fisk & Jay Gould
- The Tweed Ring in New York City
- Why immigrants supported political machines



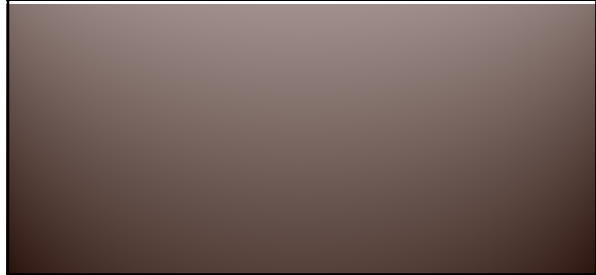
The Era of Good Stealings

- RRs cheated customers
- Stock market investors
- Politicians were bought out
- Judges, too!



Paralyzed Politics in the Gilded Age

The Forgettable Presidents



Major Themes

- Political corruption
- Currency debate: Gold, silver, greenbacks
- Panics in 1873 and 1893
- Inflation and deflation
- Laissez-faire in an era of industry and growth
- Very, very close elections and party loyalties
- Still bitterness from Reconstruction
- The Spoils System and Civil Service Reform
- Pensions /Civil War veterans
- Tariff Reform

