

## CHANGES IN AMERICAN SOCIETY

### New Technology

- ◉ Skyscrapers
  - Steel and Elevators
  - Two models: New York & Chicago
  - Famous architects: Louis Sullivan & Daniel Burnham
- ◉ Transportation
  - Suspension Bridges
  - Street cars, subways
- ◉ Urban Planning
  - Frederick Law Olmsted – Central Park
- ◉ George Eastman's Kodak Camera
- ◉ Wright Brothers: Airplane!!!

### Education

- ◉ States pass compulsory attendance laws
- ◉ Schools serve the purpose of "Americanizing" immigrants
- ◉ Need for a better educated workforce:
  - Schools grow from Kindergartens to High Schools
  - New Colleges and Vocational Schools

### African-American Education

- ◉ **Tuskegee Institute, 1881**
- ◉ **Niagara Movement**
- ◉ Educational Goal: Economic Self-Sufficiency; Job Skills
- ◉ Educational Goal: Higher education / Liberal Arts
- ◉ Segregation? No direct challenge; becoming economically self-reliant
- ◉ Segregation? Challenge through the courts
- ◉ Later founded the NAACP

Booker T. Washington

W.E.B. Du Bois

### Mass Culture

- ◉ Newspapers and "Yellow Journalism"
  - Sensationalism to sell papers
  - Joseph Pulitzer & William R. Hearst
- ◉ Department Stores (1<sup>st</sup>-Marshall Field's)
- ◉ "Five and Dime" Stores
- ◉ Art – Emphasis on Realism
  - In the U.S.: The Ashcan School
- ◉ New Literature (Mark Twain; dime novels)

### Leisure and Sports

- ◉ Bicycling and Tennis
  - Effect on women's clothing?
- ◉ Amusement Parks
- ◉ Minstrel Shows – how were African-Americans portrayed?
- ◉ Sports: Baseball, Basketball, Boxing
- ◉ Why did these leisure activities and new sports develop in this time period?