

Life for immigrants in America

- **Urbanization**- the growth of cities due to industrialization of America
- **Assimilation**- the process of an immigrant blending in or fitting into a country.
- Examples: **Learning the language, adopting their style of dress, celebrating holidays of that culture.**
- ***melting pot***- the idea that all immigrant groups would meld or “melt” together to form American culture
- ***ethnic neighborhoods***- groups of immigrants who shared the same ethnicity who lived in the same neighborhoods.
- **Tenements**- run down cheaply made “apartments” that were very dangerous, dark, and crowded; many immigrants began to live in them.
- **Sweatshops**- work areas where the pay was low, the work was very long, and the conditions were dangerous; many immigrants had jobs in this environment.