



Jacob Riis and Immigrants(8.12.5)

Background:

As one of the first photojournalists Jacob Riis brought light to the plight of the poor in New York. He used his camera and journalistic talents to show Americans what life was like for many of the urban poor. His work would go on to inspire reform in housing laws and others to make reforms.

Prompt:

Does Jacob Riis present a reliable picture of American cities during the Industrial Era?

Task:

In a well thought out response:

- State a claim in response to the prompt, using the prompt as a sentence stem.
- Support your claim using at least three pieces of evidence from the documents.
 - Be sure to explain why the evidence you selected supports your claim.
- Research an additional piece of evidence and incorporate it into your argument.
- Incorporate an additional piece of evidence that argues against your claim.
 - Use this additional piece of evidence as the basis for a counterclaim