

PART III

Document-Based Question

Directions: The task below is based on documents 1 through 5. This task is designed to test your ability to work with historical documents. Look at each document and answer the question of questions after each document. Use your answers to the questions to help you write your essay.

Historical Background:

During the late 1800s and early 1900s, New York City was in a period of great change. Immigrants from many different countries were immigrating into Ellis Island causing a rapid growth in population and big buildings. Both parents and children worked long and hard hours to meet the needs of their families. During this time period, there were many important inventions that made life at home and in the workplace easier for the people. Although day to day life was a struggle, the people and events of this era have made a lasting impact on New York City as we know it today.

Task:

For Part A, read each document carefully and answer the question or questions after each document. Then read the directions for Part B and write your essay.

For Part B, use your answers to the questions in Part A, the information from the documents, and your knowledge of social studies to write a well-organized essay in your own words. In your essay you should

- Write about the many changes that occurred in New York City during the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Part A
Short-Answer Questions

Directions: Read each document and answer the question or questions that follow each document in the space provided.

Document 1



Source: National Women's History Museum

This is a photograph of Mulberry Street in New York City from 1903. Mulberry Street still exists in New York City today and is part of what is now known as Little Italy. During the 1800s and 1900s, this street was home to many immigrant people who are pictured to the left.

- 1 Today, a photograph of Mulberry Street would look very different. What is one thing you notice in this picture that might be different in a picture of this New York City street today?

- 2 What is one thing you notice that might be similar?

Document 2



“The American Surety Building is a historic skyscraper located at 100 Broadway, New York City, New York, opposite Trinity Church. It has been declared a landmark as one of Manhattan's most influential early skyscrapers. The building was constructed 1894-1896 to designs by noted architect Bruce Price, and was one of Manhattan's first buildings with steel framing and curtain wall construction. At its original 21 stories, it was Price's first tall building and the second tallest building in New York.”

New York Architecture

American Surety Building
New York City, 1896

1 What type of building is the American Surety Building?

2 What can you infer about why buildings of this size were built during this time?

Document 3



Annie Moore, Source: www.genealogie.com

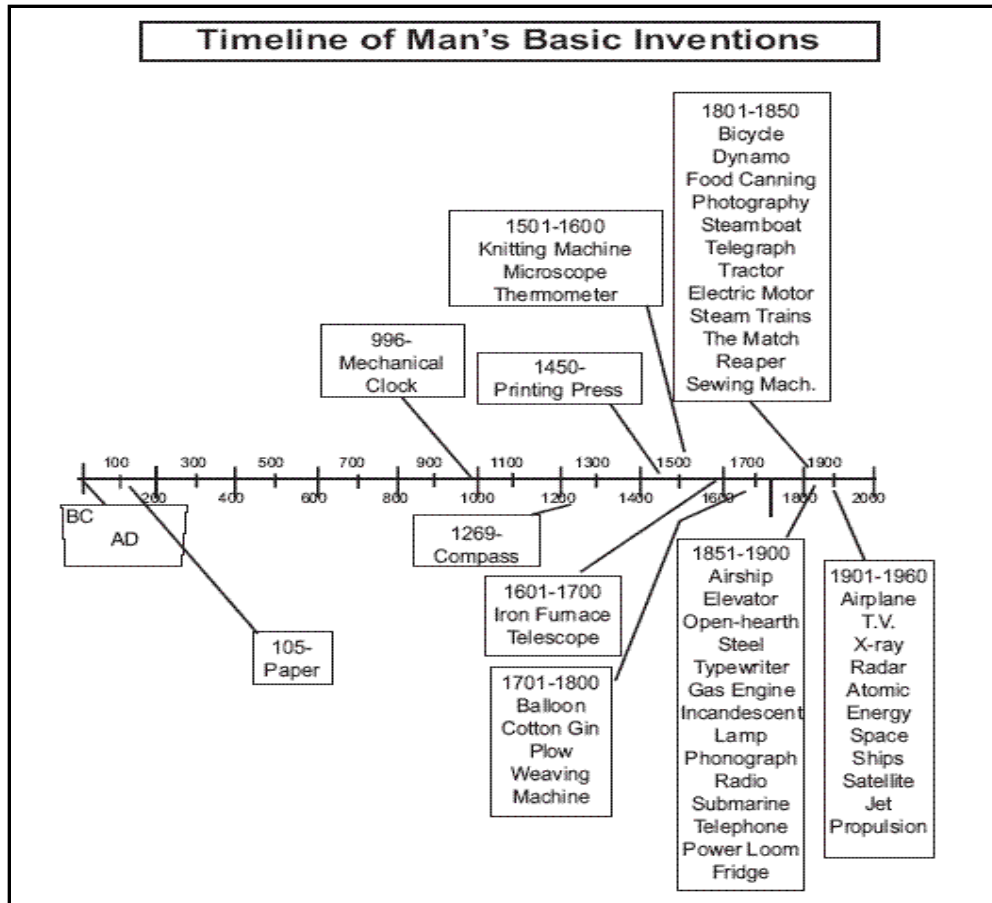
“From 1820 to 1920, more than 4 million people left their native shores of Ireland bound for the Port of New York and a new life in America. When Ellis Island officially opened on January 1, 1892, the first passenger registered through the now world-famous immigration station was a young Irish girl named Annie Moore. Just 14-years old and traveling with her two younger brothers, Anthony and Phillip, Annie departed from Ireland on December 20, 1891 aboard the S.S. Nevada, one of 148 steerage passengers. The trio would spend 12 days at sea arriving in New York on Thursday evening, December 31.”

Source: Ellis Island Foundation, Inc.

- 1 What are 2 things that you can tell about Annie Moore and her younger brothers from the two documents above?

- 2 How do you think that immigrants might have struggled on the journey from their countries to Ellis Island?

Document 4



Source: www.dawnbible.com

- 1 Did the inventions listed from 1801-1900 have a positive or negative effect on the people of that time period? Please explain.

- 2 Choose one invention from the timeline between 1801 and 1900. How is that invention still useful today?

Document 5



Source: Cornell University

- 1 What can you tell about the living conditions of the families during this time from the photograph above?

- 2 Why do you think that the children in this picture are at home and not at school?

Part B

Essay

Directions: In your own words, write a well-organized essay using the documents, the answers to the questions in part A, and your knowledge of social studies.

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Task:

Using the information from the documents and your knowledge of social studies, write an essay in which you

- Write about the many changes that occurred in New York City during the late 1800s and early 1900s.

In your essay, remember to

- Write about how New York has grown and expanded over time, especially in the 1800s and 1900s
- Include an introduction, body, and conclusion
- Use information from *at least three* documents in your answer
- Include details, examples, or reasons in developing your ideas