

Education



- Growth of industry leads to better education--need an educated work force
- Most northern states passed compulsory education laws
- Catholic churches open parochial schools

- Typical school day: 8:00-4:00, learned reading, writing and arithmetic, used *McGuffey's Reader*--poems and stories that also taught religion, ethics, values
- Discipline and obedience--strict rules
- More high schools and colleges/universities were built
- Training schools prepared students for specific trades

- More people learned to read, more newspapers were started
- Newspaper publishers Joseph Pulitzer (*NY World*) and William Randolph Hearst (*NY Journal*) competed for readers--style known as yellow journalism
- Newspapers added sections to attract female readers

- Nellie Bly: female reporter
- Increase in magazines and books
- American writers: realists who wanted to show the harsh reality of life, Mark Twain writes about American life
- American painters try to capture "real" American life