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Mr. Schultz
TIMELINE OF MAJOR EVENTS #1

- The heyday of the ethnic urban villages
- The volume of "new" immigration exceeds that of "old"
- The start of the Great Migration
- The formation and growth of the political machines
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- Growth of new cities in the far west

1860: completion of national rail network
1865: founding of Birmingham
1870: industrial growth of "New South"
1890: urban progressivism
1900: new forms of urban government
1910: growth of black ghettos
1920: automobile
1930: growth of new cities in the far west
TIMELINE OF MAJOR EVENTS, #2

(physical construction and reconstruction of cities)

Heyday of Public Parks Movement, Sanitation Reform, & Provision of Public Services (Water, Sewer, etc)

"Great White City" at Columbian Exposition

Tenement House Reform Movement

City Beautiful Movement

City Efficient Movement

Automobile

Large-scale Black Migration

Regional Planning Assoc. of Amer. Ind.

Ebenezer Howard & the "Garden City" Concept

Burrough Plan

Euclid v. Ambler Case

"Great Depression"

"Greenbelt Cities"


Federal Highways Act

Revenue Sharing

New Deal and Fair Deal Welfare Legislation

1870 1880 1890 1900 1910 1920 1930 1940 1950 1960 1870

Creation of HUD

Large-scale Black Migration
Suggested Topics and Readings for Essay-Reviews

Upon consultation with the instructor(s), students may choose one of the following topics, or any other appropriate one of their choice, for the essay-review. We urge you to begin work on this as early in the semester as possible.

Architectural History
Vincent Scully, American Architecture and Urbanism

Building
James Marston Fitch, American Building: The Historical Forces that Shaped It (2d ed.)
Carl W. Condit, American Building

Landscape
John B. Jackson, American Space: The Centennial Years, 1865-1876
William H. Whyte, The Last Landscape

Urbanscape
Kevin Lynch, Image of the City
Christopher Tunnard & Boris Pushkarev, Man-Made America: Chaos or Control?
or,
John A. Kouwenhoven, The Columbia Historical Portrait of New York
Harold M. Mayer & Richard C. Wade, Chicago: Growth of a Metropolis

Inter-city Transportation
Jean Gottman, Megalopolis
George N. Hilton & John F. Due, The Electric Interurban Railways in America

Intraurban Transportation
George M. Smerk, Urban Mass Transportation: A Dozen Years of Federal Policy

Metropolitan Growth
Allan Pred, The Spatial Dynamics of U.S. Urban-Industrial Growth, 1800-1914

Urban Biography
Robert M. Fogelson, Fragmented Metropolis, Los Angeles 1850-1930
Bayard Still, Milwaukee (rev. ed.)
Urban History

Urban Finances

Roger E. Alcaly & David Mermelstein (eds.), The Fiscal Crisis of American Cities
Dick Netzer, Economics of the Property Tax, chs. IV, V
George F. Break, Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations in the United States, ch. V

Housing

Roy Lubove, The Progressives and the Slums
Thomas Lee Philpott, The Slum and the Ghetto: Neighborhood Deterioration and Middle-Class Reform, Chicago, 1880-1930

Landscape Architects and the City

Laura Wood Roper, FLO: A Biography of Frederick Law Olmsted
Norman T. Newton, Design on the Land: The Development of Landscape Architecture, chs. XXI-XXIV, XXVII-XXIX, XXXI-XXXIV

Garden Cities

Ebenezer Howard, Garden Cities of Tomorrow (1898, U.S. edition 1965)
Clarence S. Stein, Toward New Towns for America

City Planning

Mel Scott, American City Planning since 1890, chs. 1-5
Roy Lubove, Community Planning in the 1920's

Urban Renewal

Jane Jacobs, The Deathand Life of Great American Cities
Charles Abrams, The City is the Frontier, Part II

Urban Planners

Thomas S. Hines, Burnham of Chicago: Architect and Planner
Robert A. Caro, The Power Broker: Robert Moses and the Fall of New York

Urban Government

Ernest S. Griffith, A History of American City Government, 1870-1900
Kenneth Fox, Better City Government

Urban "Liberal" Politics

Frederic C. Howe, The City The Hope of Democracy
John D. Buenker, Urban Liberalism and Progressive Reform

Urban Political Machines

Seymour Mandelbaum, Boss Tweed's New York
Zane L. Miller, Boss Cox's Cincinnati
Urban Political Machines (contd)

Theodore J. Lowi, At the Pleasure of the Mayor: Patronage & Power in New York City, 1898-1938
Milton Rakove, Don't Make No Waves, Don't Back No Losers: An Insider's Analysis of the Daley Machine

Urban Reformers

Allen F. Davis, Spearheads for Reform: The Social Settlements and the Progressive Movement, 1890-1914
Melvin G. Holli, Reform in Detroit: Hazen S. Pingree and Urban Politics

Urban-Federal Government Relations

Mark I. Gelfand, A Nation of Cities: The Federal Government and Urban America, 1933-1965

Urban Elites

E. Digby Baltzell, Philadelphia Gentlemen: The Making of a National Upper Class

Urban Working Classes

John Cambler, Working-Class Community in Industrial America
Herbert G. Gutman, Work, Culture & Society in Industrializing America, Parts I & III

Working Class Quarters

Robert A. Woods & Albert J. Kennedy, The Zone of Emergence
Herbert J. Gans, The Levittowners

Company Towns

Stanley Buder, Pullman: An Experiment in Industrial Order and Community Planning
Bennett M. Berger, Working-Class Suburb: A Study of Auto Workers in Suburbia

Religion in the City

Henry F. May, Protestant Churches and Industrial America
Will Herberg, Protestant-Catholic-Jew

Education in the City

Lawrence A. Cremin, The Transformation of the School
Urban History

Urban Crime

David R. Johnson, Policing the Urban Underworld: The Impact of Crime on the Development of the American Police, 1800-1887
Roger Lane, "Urbanization and Criminal Violence in the Nineteenth Century," Jour. of Social History, II (Dec., 1968)

Urban Violence

Elliott Rudwick, Race Riot in East St. Louis
Kenneth T. Jackson, The Ku Klux Klan in the City, 1915-1930

Police in the City

James F. Richardson, Urban Police in the United States
Roger Lane, Policing the City: Boston, 1822-1885

Immigrants in the Cities

Humbert Nelli, The Italians in Chicago, 1880-1930

Blacks in the Cities

Howard N. Rabinowitz, Race Relations in the Urban South, 1865-1890
St. Clair Drake & Horace Cayton, Black Metropolis

or

Florette Henri, Black Migration: Movement North 1900-1920
Karl and Alma Taeuber, Negroes in Cities: Residential Segregation and Neighborhood Change

Black Ghettos

Gilbert Osofsky, Harlem: The Making of a Ghetto
Kenneth L. Kusner, A Ghetto Takes Shape: Black Cleveland, 1870-1930

Urban Slums

Gerald D. Suttles, The Social Order of the Slum
Harvey W. Zorbaugh, The Gold Coast and the Slum

Social Mobility in the Cities

Howard Chudacoff, Mobile Americans: Residential and Social Mobility in Omaha, 1880-1920
Thomas Kessner, The Golden Door: Italian and Jewish Immigrant Mobility in New York City, 1880-1915