* At the beginning of the 19th century, the United States was a nation of farms and rural villages

**Populations:**

* The nation's four largest cities together contained only 180,000 persons and were the country's only cities with more than 10,000 inhabitants.
  + Boston, which in 1800 contained just 25,000 inhabitants, looked much as it had prior to the Revolution.
  + streets paved with cobblestones unlighted at night
* New York was so small that Wall Street was considered to be uptown and Broadway was a country drive.
  + police force: only patrolled the city at\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, = 2 captains, 2 deputies, and 72 assistants

**Population Growth:**

* During 1820s to 30s, nation's cities grew at an extraordinary rate
* Urban population increased 60 percent a decade
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ times faster than country as a whole
* 1810, NYC population < 100,000
  + Two decades later > 200,000
* Western cities grew particularly fast
  + Between 1810 and 1830, Louisville's population climbed from 1,357 to 10,341

**American Population 1820-1840:**

* 3 Trends

1. rapid increase in population

2. large amount of westward movement

3. population growth around towns and cities

**Why is the population growing?**

* improvements in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + epidemics declined
* high birth rates (an average of 6.14 children per woman)
  + better health
  + allowed more kids to grow to adulthood

**Migration:**

* Agriculture in Northeast grew unprofitable
  + people migrated West
  + people migrated to eastern cities

**Urban Problems:**

* Drinking water
* Needed cheap public transportation
* Poor sanitation led to:

1. heavy urban \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rates

2. frequent typhoid, dysentery, typhus, cholera and yellow fever epidemics

* Outdoor privies
  + emptied into vaults and cesspools that sometimes leaked into the soil and contaminated the water
  + GROSS!!!
* Kitchen wastes were thrown into ditches
  + refuse was thrown into trash piles by the side of the streets
* Every horse in a city deposited as much as 20 pounds of manure and urine on the streets each day
* To help remove the garbage and refuse, many cities allowed packs of dogs, goats, and pigs to scavenge freely

**Immigration:**

* During early 1800s most entered through Port of New York
* Up to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ships a day deposited immigrants
* Thieves & con men preyed on new arrivals
* Immigrants brought along infectious diseases that concerned Americans
* Inspired the opening of Castle Garden in 1855 as an immigration receiving center

**#1 Source of immigrants \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:**

* Why did they come to America?
* 6 week journey
* Thousands died from dysentery, typhus, and malnutrition
* “Coffin ships”
* In 1847- 40,000 died en route to America
* in 1850 = 45% of foreign born in America

- NY had more Irish born citizens than Dublin

* settled in eastern cities
  + unskilled labor
* many were young single women
* kept to themselves
  + slow to assimilate
* “poorest and most wretched population found in the world”
* stereotypes of drunken, brawling Irishmen
* mindlessly loyal to their Catholic leaders

**#2 Source of Immigrants \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:**

* In 1850 = 20% foreign born in America
* more $ than Irish
* Moved to Northwest

business or farming

* came as families
* assimilated into society
* majority Protestant

**Nativism:**

* A backlash against immigration by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_native-born Protestants
* Based on
  + racial prejudice: professors and scientists sometimes classified Eastern Europeans as innately inferior
    - religion: Protestants distrusted Catholics and Jews
    - politics: immigrants were often associated with radical political philosophies
  + economics: labor leaders resented competition

**Why Nativism?**

* times when there were major social, economic, or political upheavals
* blamed recent arriving immigrants or ethnic/religious groups different from their own for the troubles that America was experiencing
  + racism against scapegoat
  + foreign ideas
  + threatened American life
  + voted as block

**Anti-Catholic:**

* Sermons by Lyman Beecher provoked a mob to attack and burn the Ursuline Convent in Massachusetts
* 1844 armed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against Catholic and Protestant
  + 20 killed
  + 100 injured
* felt threatened by Catholic authoritarianism

**Nativists United:**

* Formed political groups
  + Native American Party 1854
  + Supreme Order of the Star Spangled Banner
    - banned Catholics and foreign born from holding office
    - restrictive naturalization laws
    - literacy tests for voting
* Became the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Party