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# Life at the Turn of the 20th Century (1900)

## Concept Map

Assignment # \_\_\_\_\_

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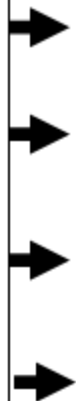
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Web Perfecting  
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Economics:

**Industrial & Manufacturing Boom  
(8hr work day)**

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**Steel frame + Elevators = Skyscrapers**

**prints both sides at same time = 1¢ newspapers**

**Wright Brothers 1903**

**Film that could be "sent in" to be developed = 1888 Kodak camera**

Sports:

**Pro Baseball - 1st world Series in 1900**

Education

**States pass laws requiring 12-16 weeks/yr for 8-14yr olds**  
**Literacy Rates :**  
**1871 80% - 1920 94%**

- **More time for "immoral" activities**
- **Still poor working**
- **Big Business vs. Poverty**
- **Large gap: Rich/Poor**
- **"Yellow Journalism" = exaggeration/opinion Instead of facts**
- **Political corruption**
- **No voting for Women**  
**Limited voting for minorities**
- **African Americans excluded from public education**

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- ➔ **Social Reform**
- ➔ **Moral Reform**
- ➔ **Economic Reform**
- ➔ **Fostering Efficiency**