1 Education and Culture

• 18-5

2 I. Educating Americans

- Before 1870 fewer than 1/2 of the children went to school
- One room school house all ages one teacher
- Public schools improved

3 A. Education Expands

- Compulsory Education requirement that children attend school up to a certain age
- Most states 10th grade minimum education
- South reluctant to pass Compulsory Education laws
- Took to 1950 for High School graduation rates to increase.
- Higher education began to increase

4 B. The School Day

- 8 until 4
- Three R's (Reading 'riting and 'rithmetic)
- Memorized and recited lessons

5 C. Education for Adults

- Andrew Carnegie gave money to build libraries
- Methodist Minister started Chautauqua Society reached 5M people in 10,000 towns.

6 II. New American Writers

A. Realism

- Realists: writers who show life as it is
- Stephen Crane Jack London Kate Chopin Paul Laurence Dunbar

7 B. Mark Twain

- Mark Twain pen name for Samuel Clemens
- Huckleberry Finn at first thought it would have a bad effect on children now considered one of the greatest American novels

8 III. Newspaper Boom

• 1/2 of newspapers in the world were printed in the U.S.

9 A. Causes

Newspaper industry grew due to spread of education and urbanization

10 B. A New Kind of Newspaper

- Joseph Pulitzer created 1st mass circulation newspaper New York World
- Cut prices, added comics (Yellow Kid)
- Sensational headlines crime, scandal
- Yellow Journalism: sensational reporting style

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