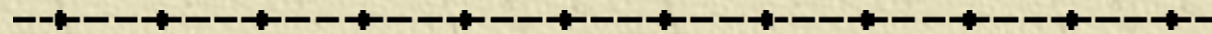# The United States c1890

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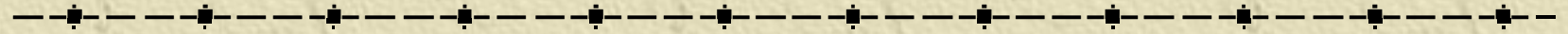
Demographically Parted

*Mean Population Center: Columbus, IN

Total Population	63 Million	100%
White	55 Million	87.5%
Black	7.5 Million	12%
Native Amer.	250 Thousand	.4%
Asian	110 Thousand	.1%
Foreign Born	9.2 Million	15%
Rural	41 Million	66%
Urban	22 Million	34%

Regionally Parted

- Northeast: Industrialization
- Southeast: Jim Crow
- West: Closing of the Frontier

Regionally Parted:Northeast

- Big Idea: Industrialization
  - Most Populous
  - Economic Center
  - Urbanized
    - 8 of top 10 cities by population

Regionally Parted:Southeast

- Big Idea: Jim Crow
  - Reconstruction "ended"
  - Some Economic Recovery-- Agricultural
  - White Supremacy Restored
    - Disenfranchisement
    - *De Jure* Segregation

Regionally Parted: West

- Big Idea: Closing of the Frontier
  - West Conquered & Settled
    - End of Indian Wars (Wounded Knee)
  - 1890 Census-No Frontier
    - Frederick Jackson Turner
  - Populism

PEGS Parted

- Politically—Small Gov't
- Economically—Industrial but Depressed
- Geographically—Continental Nation
- Socially—Divided Society

PEGS Parted: Political

- **Big Idea: Small Gov't**
  - Party: Close but Republican dominance
  - Federal: B Harrison (R) pres, (R) Congress
    - Isolationist & Protectionist
  - City: Lots of Corruption
    - Political Machines

PEGS Parted: Economic

- Big Idea: Industrial but Depressed
  - Fully Industrialized
  - Most productive economy
  - Rise of Big Business
    - Corporations
    - Trusts
  - Panic of 1893
  - Labor Conflict
    - Homestead & Pullman Strikes
    - Haymarket Affair

PEGS Parted: Geographic

- Big Idea: continental nation
  - Current Boundaries
  - 42 States (Jan 1890)
  - ID & WY (July 1890)
  - Primarily Rural, Increasingly Urban
  - Density flows NE→SE→West
  - Increasingly interconnected via RR network

PEGS Parted: Social

- **Big Idea: Divided Society**
  - Gender
    - Women had few legal rights, economic opportunities
  - Race
    - Segregation: *De Jure & De Facto*
      - Plessy vs. Ferguson
    - Chinese Exclusion Act
  - Class
    - Huge Disparity of Wealth