**The Age of the City**

**- Urbanisation in the USA -**

**D.N.L. Vocabulary**

dweller: an inhabitant

dwelling: a place where a person lives

suburb: an area of housing built on the edge of a city

income: money a person earns from working

landlord: person who owned property and rented it out

tenement: high rise slums, often with one room per family

1.) Study the photograph of a tenement in New York City in the late 1800s. It is typical of the kind of living conditions experienced by the working classes. Describe and comment on the photograph (what it shows, what you can learn from it about living conditions in the US cities for the working classes).

2.) Why did many city-dwellers go to live on the edge of cities?

3.) What did urban dwellers who did not have much money do?

4.) What was the population density of Manhattan in 1894? What reason is given in the text for this high figure?

5.) What was a ‘triple-decker’ and who lived there?

6.) Who was Jacob Riis and why did his book, published in 1890 shock so many Americans (think about the title of the book and what it implies to help answer this question)?

7.) Identify two developments which led to the building of skyscrapers, at first in Chicago, and then in every other major US city during the twentieth century.

**Grade Levels**:

0-8pts: very basic answers, often copying information from the text.

9-12pts: reasonable responses, candidate shows some ability to draw inferences from the documents, particular in relation to question 6

13-16pts: very well written work, using the document to support answers.

17-20pts: responses are original and demonstrate insight, questions 1 and 6 will have detailed longer responses.