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# BACKGROUND:

* 1. **Read:** About the Gilded Age: <https://openstax.org/books/us-history/pages/20-1-political-corruption-in-postbellum-america> in the *OpenStax US History* textbook.
  2. **Answer:** What does Mark Twain mean when he refers to the “Gilded Age?”

# 2. CONSIDER

**a. View:** Carefully study this 1905 image of a street in New York City.

**b. Answer:** How does it reflect what Mark Twain is referring to? What kind of social and economic challenges does it suggest are happening during this time?

# 3. REFLECT

* 1. **View:** Study the following graph of historic inequality in America: <https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/ips.inequality/viz/AmericanHasBecomeStarklyMoreUnequal/Dashboard1>
  2. **Answer:** The graph shows how the income of America’s top .1% has changes following the post Gilded Age era until recent years. What does is suggest about income inequality?

# 4. CONNECT

* 1. **View:** <https://inequality.org/great-divide/america-2018-more-gilded-america-1918/>
  2. **Answer:** According to the article, how does inequality today compare with the Gilded Age? What social value about these circumstances does the author suggest in the last sentence?