**Critical Thinking CH. 4**

4.1 – Page 144

1. Which reasons that emigrants had for leaving their homeland do you consider the most urgent?
2. Why do you think so many immigrant communities were established in New York City?
3. Why did Chinese immigrants come to the United States in the 1850s and 1860s? (2 reasons)
4. Why did nativism in the United States increase in the late 1800s?
5. Why did many immigrants tolerate their lives in the United States rather than return home?

4.2 – Page 152

1. Why did cities in the US grow so rapidly during the last part of the nineteenth century?
2. What were women’s clubs and what was their purpose?
3. Why were these clubs seemingly only for weaathly women?
4. Why do you think native-born white men typiclally earned more than women, immigrants and African Americans?
5. What were political machines and party bosses?
6. Look at the political cartoon at the top of page 155, do you think the artist supported or opposed political machines? Why do you think that?
7. Can you think of other words that mean the same as *graft*?

4.3 – Page 156

1. What led to major industrial growth in the US between 1870 and 1900?
2. How was the US from 1870 to 1900 like gilded, or gold plated jewelry?
3. Why do some critics of social darawinism thing laissez-faire exconomics came at too high of a social cost?
4. What role did religion play in the social gospel movement?
5. What did churches do in response to the social gospel movement?
6. What were settlement houses and who were responsible for establishing them?
7. How successful were their efforts?
8. How would Americanization help immigrant children to be more successful in society?
9. How did schools help to prepare students for the work place?
10. How is this similar to what happens in schools today?

4.4 – Page 163

1. What is the spoils system and how might that be bad for a government?
2. *Stalwart* can mean *loyal.* Why was the label of “stalwart” a good one for thoses who supported patronage?
3. Why did a government job seeker assassinate the president?
4. What was the initial benefit of the Interstate Commerce Commission?
5. Why was the Interstate Commerce Commission needed?
6. What is *deflation* and what caused it to happen after the Civil War?
7. What was deflation especially difficult on farmers of this era?