HISTORY 102:
AMERICAN CAPITALISM IN THE LONG NINETEENTH CENTURY


19th century capitalism was a brutal system. The old "dark satanic mills" where young children were made to work in extremely dangerous conditions. Terrible urban pollution and no health benefits for the poor led most of the population to an early death. This side of 19th century capitalism ought to be addressed. The article makes only passing mention of the industrial revolution. Technological advances, and mass migration of workers to cities, are what put the capital in 19th century capitalism. The industrial revolution (from an economic point of view) should have its own section.