

## Document Based Assessment

### Birth of the Modern City

The birth of the modern city helped to define the Industrial Age. The documents below show that the modern city represented progress, but not without costs.

#### Document A

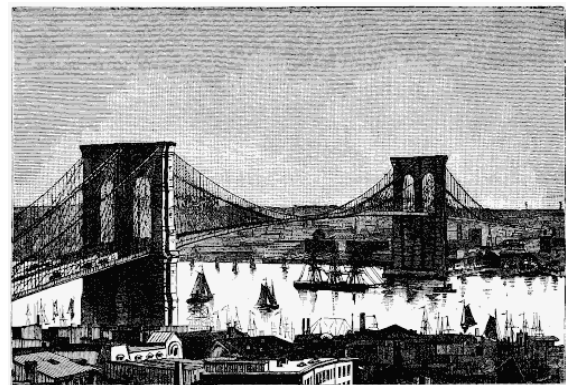
“The first shock of the great earthquake had, just at that period, rent the whole neighborhood to its center. Traces of its course were visible on every side. Houses were knocked down; streets were broken through and stopped; deep pits and trenches dug in the ground; enormous heaps of earth and clay thrown up; buildings that were undermined and shaking, propped by great beams of wood...In short, the yet unfinished and unopened Railroad was in progress; and, from the very core of all this dire disorder, trailed smoothly away, upon its might course of civilization and improvement.”  
--from *Dombey and Son* by Charles Dickens

#### Document B

Selected Inventions 1824-1911	
Cement	1824
Locomotive	1830
Dynamite	1866
Telephone	1876
Cash Register	1879
Electric Trolley Car	1884-1887
Steel Alloy	1891
Self-starting Auto	1911

#### Document C

Population of Major Cities		
City	1850	1900
Berlin, Germany	419,000	1,889,000
London, England	2,685,000	6,586,000
Moscow, Russia	365,000	989,000
New York, United States	696,000	3,437,000
Paris, France	1,053,000	2,714,000



Document D Brooklyn Bridge c. 1883

### Analyzing Documents

Use your knowledge of this Chapter and Documents A, B, and C and D to answer questions 1-4.

- The cause of the earthquake described in Document A was
  - An underground fault in London.
  - Poorly constructed tall buildings.
  - Construction of a railroad.
  - Deep pits and trenches in the ground
- Which inventions from Document B had the most impact on New York City at the time Document D was created?
  - Trolley cars, steel alloy, cash registers
  - Dynamite, telephones, cash registers
  - Cement, locomotives, telephones
  - Cement, locomotives, dynamite
- Which Trend does Document C illustrate?
  - The shift in population from Europe to the United States
  - The shift in population from East Coast to West Coast
  - The increase in population of cities
  - The decrease in rural population
- Writing Task** What were the most significant features of the modern city? Why? Use the information from Documents A through D, as well as what you've learned in the text and lecture notes to support your opinion.