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| ***How the Other Half Lives,*1890– Jacob Riis** |
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| **Introduction** |

**Directions:** Using information obtained through your reading of the Introduction of How the Other Half Lives, along with your notes on Jacob Riis’ photographs, answer the following questions.

1 Why didn’t the one half of the world know how the other lived originally?

2 What violent upheaval did Riis mention specifically and when did it occur?

3 How did Riis tie crime to the living conditions of criminals?

4 What shift in the population balance of New York City did Riis point to?

5 Explain Riis’ quote “We know now that there is no way out; that the “system” that was the evil offspring of public neglect and private greed has come to stay, a storm-centre forever in our civilization.”

6 What tone is Riis setting in the introduction to How the Other Half Lives and why?

**Chapter 1: The Genesis of the Tenement**

1. What were the “different reasons” that the “old residents” followed Washington’s example in moving?

2. How does Riis describe a bedroom in paragraph 2?

3. What does Riis say about the “illogical human greed”? What is his example?

4. What was the “worse that was to follow” that Riis describes in paragraph 4?

5. What consequences does Riis detail in the final paragraph?

6. Throughout Chapter 1 does Riis place the blame on the tenants or the landlords? How can you tell?