Cities in trouble

1. economic problems
- influence of Asian market increases
- local economy and industry disintegrate → number of unemployed people rises

2. racial problems
- discrimination against black people
- no acceptance of minority groups

  → consequences:
- strict separation of white and black housing, white people move to the suburbs, black population stays in the central city (slums)
- vicious circle of poverty, poor health care, teenage pregnancy, drugs, school drop-out rates, crime

Revival of US cities based on "A tale of two cities" (Detroit and Atlanta)

- economic boom
- race relations are extremely good
- younger people more tolerant towards black people (e.g. Detroit)
  - ⇨ downtown boom
- cheaper prices in downtown (in Detroit)
- young people more interested in diversification rather than homogeneity
- attractions: chic restaurants, bright stores, consuming, parks, theatres, sidewalks
  - ⇨ excitement of big cities
- improvement of the infrastructure
- international/global businesses
- black middle class, not only black underclass in ghettos