Jacob Riis “How the Other Half lives”

1. What was Jacob Riis’ main reason for publishing his writings? Agree or disagree with his assessment.

2. Riis argued that no citizens living in a city, state, or nation should have to suffer physically and emotionally the way many immigrants were suffering in the slums. It was the responsibility of all the citizens. Agree or disagree.

3. Teddy Roosevelt, a young upstart politician was deeply moved by Riis’ book. Why do you think this man of wealth was moved by the plight of those less fortunate?

Type or write 3 separate paragraphs no more than 200 words each paragraph.