

20th CENTURY WORLD HISTORY

ASSIGNMENT:

WEEK 1:

Pre-1900 - 1907

Our Century in Pictures: Read the Editor's Note "Dust Bowl and Other Dreams" through page 15

The Visual History of the Modern World: Read the Introduction and pages 11 – 31

TIMELINE ITEMS OF INTEREST: *Please read over the following information. You are not responsible for memorizing all of the dates/events. This information will help you to better understand the era.*

- 1800's - South American colonies win independence from Spain and Portugal
- 1808 - 1910 – Colonization of Africa by various European nations
- 1840 - 1876 David Livingstone, missionary, explores Africa
- 1848 - Marx publishes ***The Communist Manifesto***
- 1867 - Marx publishes ***Das Kapital***
- 1867 - Canada becomes a self-governing Commonwealth of Britain
- 1859 - Darwin publishes ***The Origin of the Species***
- 1871- *Italy united*
- 1871 - *Germany united*
- 1876 - Alexander Graham Bell patents telephone
- 1879 - Edison invents light bulb
- 1898 - *Spanish American War*
- 1898 - The US annexes Hawaii and obtains Puerto Rico, the Philippines and Guam
- 1899 - 1901 – *Boer War*
- 1900 - Queen Victoria rules over 1/5 of world (rules from 1837 – 1901)
 - Hurricane hits Galveston Island, 6000 killed – one of worst U.S. natural disasters
- 1900 - Spindletop – rush for oil in Western US
- 1900 - Work begins on New York Subway
- 1900 -1901 – Boxer Rebellion- China
- 1901 - Australia becomes an independent commonwealth of Britain
- 1901 - Andrew Carnegie sells U.S. Steel, begins to give away \$350 million
- 1901 - Gillette invents disposable razor
- 1903- Wright Brothers complete first successful airplane flight.
- 1904-1905- Russo-Japanese War
- 1905 - Einstein publishes the Theory of Relativity
- 1906 - Vitamins discovered
- 1906 - The word "Allergy" is first used
- 1906 - Cornflakes invented
- 1906 - Earthquake and resulting fires destroy much of San Francisco
- 1906 - Coca Cola replaces cocaine with "spent cocaine" (dates vary)

Additional information on the decade.....[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1900s_\(decade\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1900s_(decade))

f. Middle East?

g. Africa? (from text and timeline above)

Watch this video on “The scramble for African Colonies”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uRVKibuHYzM>

h. Great Britain? (Also, list 4 countries/area of the world controlled by the British Empire at the start of the 20th century.

i. With Technology? (give specific examples)

j. What was going on in China? (http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/china_in_1900.htm)

k. Brazil? (See <http://www.everyculture.com/Bo-Co/Brazil.html>
Scroll down to the section entitled **History and Ethnic Relations**, then to the subsection **National Identity**, and then read from the paragraph that begins with “Historically, the emergence” through and including the paragraph that begins with “After World War II..... “.

3. Who were the “Boxers” and what was their goal?

4. Did they succeed?

5. What was Queen Victoria remembered for?

6. Why was she called the “Grandmother of Europe”? (Look in Wikipedia under Queen Victoria, as in, Google “Queen Victoria wiki”. Read the first 3 or 4 paragraphs of the introduction.)

7. What did *Marconi* accomplish?

8. How do you think we benefit from it today?

9. What U.S. president was assassinated in 1901? Who came in to office to replace him?

10. What other U.S. presidents have been assassinated or died in office? (Look it up)

11. What is **Alfred Nobel** famous for?

12. *Who founded* the De Beers diamond company?

13. **What is a “Boer”** (Google it)? Give details.

14. Who did they go to war with? When?

15. Where?

16. Who won?

****Watch** this “3 minute history video on the Boer wars: (These “3 minute” videos are very basic and gloss over much, but you can get a overview of some of the issues from them.)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-9sd5Q_ifQ

Watch this video on the Boer war: “Britain and the Boer War” (Be aware: There are some graphic images including one of a starving person.)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_7yNjQquik&t=7s

17. How many people a year were immigrating to the U.S. in the early 1900's?

18. Where were they from?

19. What religions were they (mostly)?

20. Who was the first woman to win the Nobel Prize? What did she win it for?

Watch this short video overview of her life.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w6JFRi0Qm_s

21. What was Wilbur and Orville Wright's background before working on aircraft?

22. What events and procedures took place that led to their success? (list them)

23. Who established closer relations with France? Why? How?

24. What was Russia's "Bloody Sunday"? *What caused it?*

Watch this 6-minute video on factors leading to this event.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=55GvxYq9yXw>

25. What made Albert Einstein famous?

26. What major U.S. city experienced a large earthquake and what was the result?

Please watch this silent video that shows the same street before and after the earthquake:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6TaxcXfSwdE&feature=related>

27. Why were U.S. troops occupying Cuba in 1906?

28. When was color photography invented?

Questions from Our Century in Pictures: (Through p. 15)

29. What were some of President Teddy Roosevelt's accomplishments?

30. What did his famous quote, "Speak softly and carry a big stick" mean?

31. Who was Nicholas II?

32. Who was Helen Keller and why was she remarkable?

33. Who was *George Eastman* and what was his wish? What did he invent?

34. What tragic thing happened at the Triangle Shirtwaist factory?

35. Give 2 examples of child labor in the early 1900's:

36. What finally ended child labor?

