

# 20<sup>th</sup> CENTURY WORLD HISTORY

## ASSIGNMENT:

### WEEK 2:

1907 - 1914

Our Century in Pictures Pages 16 – 21

All Quiet on the Western Front Forward (page before Chapter 1) Chapters 1 - 4

The Visual History of the Modern World: Pages 32 – 51

Great Speeches of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: pages 1-2 Theodore Roosevelt's speech, "*The Natural Wonder of the Grand Canyon*" (May 6, 1903) (I will email this to you)

### **TIMELINE ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

1901 - 1908 Teddy Roosevelt president of US

1908- Austria-Hungary announced the annexation of Bosnia & Herzegovina

1910 - Japan annexes Korea

1912 - Chinese overthrow Emperor and create a republic

1912 - Titanic sinks

1913 - 16<sup>th</sup> amendment gives Congress authority to tax income

1913 – Federal Reserve created (US central banking system)

1913 - Henry Ford invents assembly line

1913 - 17<sup>th</sup> amendment adopted – allows for direct election of senators

**Video:** Watch this video on the 4 MAIN causes of WWI  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XRcg\\_t2oJkc&t=304s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XRcg_t2oJkc&t=304s)

**List the 4 MAIN causes of WWI put forth in this video and explain them.**

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**A:**

**I:**

**N:**

## Questions from **The Visual History of the Modern World**

1. Pick 1 item from the timeline above that you think affects us the most today. Be prepared to defend your answer in class.

2. Why did Serbs react violently to an announcement made on October 6, 1908?

**\*\*READ at least part of this Wikipedia article on the first Bosnian Crisis.**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bosnian\\_crisis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bosnian_crisis)

**Try to follow and understand what was going on. Write a few lines of your understanding of these events.**

3. Why does the book say the Model T was successful?

4. What dream did Robert Peary achieve in 1909?

5. What were people of this period using when they used “wireless” communication?

Cool Video on Wright Brothers Flight in 1909:

<https://www.history.com/topics/inventions/wright-brothers-test-flight-1909-video>

6. What famous American died in 1910 and for what was he famous?

7. What was a “Kinetophone”?

Watch this one minute video from 1912 introducing the Kinetophone:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uRqQhUQTaUc>

8. What is a *republic*? (Google)

9. What kind of government did China have before 1912? *Who was the leader?*

10. Who became the new president of China? When?

11. Who became president of the United States?

12. Why did the “unsinkable” Titanic go down?

13. Why did the new film industry become centered on the West Coast instead of the East Coast?

14. What is a “suffragette”?

15. Look up the “Balkans.” Where are they? What’s going on in the Balkans in 1913?

16. What innovation did Henry Ford bring to the auto industry?

17. How did it change manufacturing? (give details)

Read this article on Henry Ford and answer the questions 18-20.

Article: <https://www.history.com/topics/henry-ford>

18. What did Henry Ford do for his workers that set an industry standard?

19. What views did Ford hold that tarnish his reputation now?

20. What was the nickname for the Model T?

21. What was completed on October 10, 1913 and why was it important?

22. Why (according to the book) is there conflict in Ireland?

Watch this video of an “American learning Irish History.” It is fairly humorous (a bit “tongue-in-cheek”), but there is some helpful context in presented in a casual way. We will be studying and learning much more about the Irish conflicts, but this gives a small bit of background.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=61fgwZKj6wI>

23. How did John D. Rockefeller make his fortune and why was he hated by some?  
(you will have to look up some of the answer on the internet.)

Questions from *Our Century in Pictures*

24. How many immigrants came through Ellis Island?

25. How did the **country of Panama** come into existence?

Questions from *All Quiet on the Western Front*

This book is written from the perspective of a young **German** soldier. Remember that when reading.

26. What is the **purpose** of the book?

27. When and where does the book take place?

28. How does it start?

29. Who is the narrator?

30. Who is Katczinsky?

31. Do the soldiers have any privacy?

32. Spare time?

33. Who was Kantorek and *how did he let them down?*

34. Who is Kemmerich?

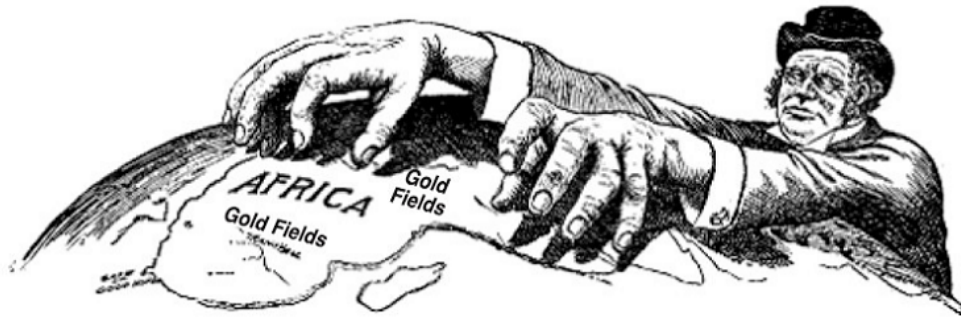
35. In Chapter 1 Paul says, "We are old folk" even though they are young. What do you think he means?

36. In Chapter 2, what does Paul say was "the finest thing that arose out of the war?"

37. In Chapter 3 Paul says, "Man is essentially a beast, only he butters it over like a slice of bread with a little decorum". Do you agree? Why or why not?

38. Write 2 or 3 sentences about what you think it must have been like at the front:

Political Cartoons:



THE BIG STICK IN USE AGAIN  
From the *Press* (Grand Rapids)

Optional Bonus Material: Not Discussed in Class.....Not Graded

**Music:**

Listen to Elgar's Nimrod: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sUgoBb8m1eE>

**Art: Fauvism**

<http://www.theartstory.org/movement-fauvism.htm>

What was Fauvism? Why were they called "Fauves?"

Who became the leader of the Fauve movement?

What did the Fauves use to express light and space?