World War One

1914 NOT 1939 the major turning point of European history. End of the old liberal order.

FOUR Causes of the war.

1. Imperialism: Lay groundwork for rivalries.


3. Alliance System: Bismarckian system to keep the status quo. By 1914, two armed camps: Triple Alliance and Triple Entente. Britain gradually ended their "splendid isolation." Mountaineers connected with a rope.

Metternich’s Concert of Europe replaced by "international anarchy." Attempt to bring notion of international law thru international conferences at The Hague in 1899 and 1907. Failed to agree on arms control...did agree on RULES OF WARFARE and created an international court of arbitration. Leadership of four crucial here.

4. Nationalism. Each nation as the chosen instrument of God; the flag was a sacred relic. Military as the embodiment of the spirit and honor of the nation. Marked music.

- Balkan Crisis as spark. Serbs and Russians interests vs. Austrians and Turks. (June, 1914) Black Hand, blank check, mobilization

- Schlieffen Plan and stalemate. Central Powers vs. Allies (w Italy and Japan). Review

- Eastern, Western, and Southern fronts. Marne, Gallipoli, Somme, Verdun.


- US enters war in April, 1917. Took over a year for the AEF to arrive. US role not THAT great, even in 1918, but it may have been decisive.

- 1918 fall of Russia. Treaty of Brest-Litovsk freed Germans for western offensive. Armistice on Nov. 11, 1918 based on Wilson’s 14 Points.

Self-determination of peoples of Eastern Europe. Fall of 4 empires.
Other treaties with other nations of Central Powers.

- LOSS OF LIVES AND TREASURE: 60 million men mobilized, 9 million killed.

France hardest hit, esp in desperate early months. "Elan" and attack as the watchwords with disastrous results. In first year almost half of French families suffered the los of a loved one in action. Gradually, a sense of doom and despair grew.

Psychological scars: few believed this kind of war could ever be justified. Spirit of Europe broken forever, esp of the surviving aristocracy. "Lost generation"

Colonial people now had hope the west could be defeated.

Need for total war had ended laissez-faire. Govt planning and control of economy now the norm.

Undercut Enlightenment faith in progress...led to scepticism. Others drawn to socialism or a more violent strain of nationalism.
II. Russian Revolution

Russian rev raises lots of questions: Why a socialist rev in Russia? Why do these workers take rev path? How revolutionary was the whole process? How organized is anyone? What's the role of personality in a rev?

-Russian modernization in late 19th century....rise of rev groups and socialist mvt.
- Loss in Russo-J War and the Rev of 1905...Czar bought time w apparent reform.
- Outbreak of WWI...God Save the Tsar....disasters at the front....Nicholas II refused any reform, went to the front himself. Left Rasputin around 1915-16.
- Loss of faith in govt, nobles killed Rasputin

- Russian Rev of 1917 (Which one?)
  Bread riots and women's march....general strike....soldiers failed to fire on the crowd. Nicholas abdicated.
  
- Provisional govt under Kerensky tried to keep up the war effort.
- Shared power w Soviets (esp Petrograd Soviet), pushed rev forward. Order #1 for army.

-Meanwhile, peasants seizing land in countryside...led to food shortages. Lenin in Petrograd...Land, Peace, Bread...All power to the Soviets.

-Midnight seizure of power engineered by Trotsky.

-Constituent Assembly met in Jan, 1918 (21 million votes for SR's, 9 million for Bolsheviks)
- Treaty of Brest-Litovsk....gave up 1/3 of nation's pop and resources.

- Civil War...1918-21...opponents a motley crew (Whites, Reds, and nationalists)
  New regime - Bolsh, soviet, commissars, Cheka and the Red Terror, Red Army (Czech army trapped....crossed Siberia)
  Allied intervention

- By 1921 Lenin could build his socialist society
1. Treaty of Versailles
2. Russian Revolution

Goals of nations at Versailles: U.S. - *14 Points*: France - security treaty w US and Br, wanted Ger to pay for the war, Alsace and Lorraine; Br.- keep naval supremacy.

To get the League, Wilson had to sacrifice the 14 points.
France - got A/L, demilitarized Rhineland, Saar for 15 years (then a plebescite)

- In east, Poland given a corridor to the sea. Many Germans in Austria and Czech.
- Ger lost its colonies to League as mandates, had to scuttle its fleet and demilitarized.

  Exorbitant reparations imposed. To justify reps, a "war guilt" clause written in.

- No Ger govt would sign it at first.

- Other treaties created Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech, and Yugo. Enlarged Romania and Greece and Italy.

In Middle East:
- Turkish Republic under Mustafa Kemal est. - fought off Italy and Greece
- French *mandate*: Syria and Lebanon
- British mandate: Palestine and Iraq
- New monarchies, like Saudi Arabia, but Middle East remained fragmented.

Problem bet Jews and Arabs....Jewish hopes raised by Br *Balfour Declaration*.

* Triumph of nationalism. T of V either too severe or too moderate. After a few years people in Allied countries thought parts of Treaty were unfair.

  Br began to fear Boshevisim more than Germany
  Italians disliked it from the outset
  US never ratified Treaty or entered alliance
  Fr considered themselves duped and wanted to hold Ger down

WWI toppled Ottoman, A-H, German, and Russian empires, but no real answers to the problems of independence, nationalism, econ security, and international stability.

In particular, nationalism feeling roused all over the world (Africans, Arabs, Jews, Asians) and Europe was perceived as vulnerable.
Chapter 31

Slides.....20th c art

Dist Myth of Sisyphus article

Mini-Lecture: 20th c Philosophy

2. Existentialism...big on continent.
   Existence before essence.
   Absurd....not the universe that's absurd, but our expectation that the universe ought to have meaning.
   It's possible to gain meaning...we define ourselves every day thru our choices.

Other ideas:

- Impact of radio and film.

- Causes of the Great Depression

    RESULTS: Complacency, panic, (In U.S., steel prod off 60%, int trade off 2/3, 30 million unemp, 75% unemp in Akron)...world prod declined 38%.
    Economic nationalism, tariffs, abandoned gold standard.
    Wilsonian dream of international econ cooperation ends.

Visual interpretation:
- 1037....Guenica
- 1041....Hands off the Ruhr

- Hunger signs — after hyper-inflation
  Spirit of Locarno
  Kellogg-Briand Pact
Fascism

Fear of communism led to its formulation.

Arose in wake of social crisis after WWI AND the inadequacy of liberal-dem. Govt.

Communists focused on CLASS, fascists on the NATION. Communist rev had been anticipated to some extent; fascists came out of nowhere.

Fascism defeated only by external military force. We should learn from the example of Italy and Germany.

Mussolini: Italians upset with meager rewards of WWI. Socialist threat. In 1920 unionists occupied and controlled several key industries for a short time. Socialists couldn’t work with communists OR Catholics.

Organized blackshirts of thugs as fighting force behind his new party of fascists. They smashed newspapers and intimidated opponents.

As small minority in Chamber of Deputies, fascists nationalist doctrine of ACTION appealed to young people and many anti-communists.

1922 – March on Rome forced King Victor Emmanuel III to invite Muss to form a new govt. Given dictatorial power for a year. Took over with support of army and the great industrialists

DUCE – title as leader of the party. Sought corporatist state, with all interests harmonized.

1929 – Lateran Treaty and Concordat brought support of Pope.


The answer: extreme nationalism. The STATE as a living entity, with a built-in will to expand.

Looked to permanent rule by their “natural leaders.”
Ch. 32 World War II

I. Features of Fascism
II. Stalinism
III. Steps to War
IV. Video - Capra's Prelude to War
V. Groups ----Maps, WWII Reading and Questions

I. The political spectrum:

Communist...socialist...liberal...moderate...conservative...reactionary...fascist

In practice, the two ends acted in similar ways...totalitarianism.

Fascism: Fundamental irrational...tapped into frustration of post-war world.

Reactionary doctrine...value structure reversed...rejected human
equality...rejected the RIGHT of humans to be free; rational capacity was not enough
for the needs of society. "FEEL, DON'T THINK."

Very anti-liberal; glorified war as an end in itself...war enobles human beings.
War is the most important thing in a man's life, as maternity is in a woman's.

Fascism is a very political ideology (even Nazism is more social - the
volk)...focus on the state (not people). Get people to focus on the unifying myth - the
state in Italy, the volk in Germany.

Mussolini said that the indiv can only reach the "higher life" thru the state.

Indiv exists to serve the state...glorification of nation and race...find
scapegoats for all problems...absolute power by the dictator...censorship of the
press...schools teach the fascist goals...maintenance of trad class structure.

II. Stalinism

- NEP
- Five Year Plan
- Collectivization
- Great Purges
- Socialist Realism in culture (boy meets tractor)

III. Dist chart of chronology. Review Hitler's steps to power.
The end of the beginning: a new age of humanity

Art, philosophy, and religion show a disconnection with the past. Postmodernism.

Lessons of the past must be adapted to radically altered realities. A world of our OWN making, and to a great extent, under our control.

New elements: ACCELERATION OF CHANGE. We live in a cultural centrifuge.

The machine changes everything about our bodies and the computer extends our powers of our mind. In 1980 there were fewer than two million computers; in 1995 over 150 million. Technology moves more rapidly than we can process the changes.

Fields of genetic engineering, organ transplants, weather management, synthetic chemistry, lasers, and controlled nuclear energy all illustrate how we now can manipulate the environment.

We also clearly possess the capacity for self-destruction.

THE CHALLENGE OF SURVIVAL

History shows us the story of endless competition and warfare, but now it appears humans must cooperate in order to survive.

Problems: war, population, food, pollution.

Differences over faiths, ideologies, and national interests are less important than the issues of survival and peace.

Concern over the WORLD community more important than the national interests. Transnational institutions will be required if we are to survive.

Westerners rightly feel concern over the loss of freedoms and privileges that came with USING the planet for their own interests. But they cannot afford to ignore the facts or the challenge of this new age that we ourselves have created.

The West shares with the world the burden of godlike knowledge and a COMMON FATE.
Military Roots of Cold War

- Rivalry between US and SU before the war: communism vs. capitalism
- Slow Second Front
- Occupation of conquered territory
- The fact of Soviet military domination of Eastern Europe. Need for buffer zone.
- Atomic Diplomacy

Diplomacy in WWII

- Four Freedoms, Atlantic Charter
- Unconditional Surrender
- Tehran – Oct. 43
- Yalta – Feb. 45
- Potsdam – July 45
- Atom Bomb

Mixed Results of WWII

- Divided Europe. Paranoia of both sides in Cold War.
- Four-power occupation
- War Trials
- West Germany:
  - Roles of Nazis
  - BUT Germans have continued to address their past. Support for Israel since 52.

Cold War

- Greece and Truman Doctrine: containment
- Marshall Plan - 48
- Berlin Crisis and Airlift – 48-49
- Two Germanies
- NATO and Warsaw Pact
- China in 49. Red Scare in USA.

The Bomb

- Atom bomb. USSR in 49.
- H-bomb in 52 and 53.
- Delivery systems – planes on alert.
- Sputnik in 57 – ICBMs
- Submarines
- MAD
- Test Ban Treaty, SALT and Detente

Decolonization

- Third World learned to be independent
- Wars in Indochina, Indonesia, and Algeria
- Split between communists and democrats
- Korea
- Vietnam
- UN Commission on Decolonization – “A crime against humanity”
- US Civil Rights Image
- Suez Crisis revealed decline of West

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Post-war World

- Cold War
  - Economic warfare
  - Nuclear arms race and bipolar world; two superpowers
  - Outbreak of Cold War – German problem, Berlin Airlift
  - East West Germany by 1949
  - Creation of Soviet satellite states, Iron Curtain
  - Rise of communist expansion: Truman Doctrine, Marshall Plan

- NATO and Warsaw Pact
  - Military build-up
  - U.S. atomic bombs dropped in 1945
  - M-bomb (H-bomb) developed in 1952
  - Korean and Chinese wars
  - Viet Cong in South Vietnam
  - US involvement in Vietnam

- Return to international rivalry: Cold War
  - US and USSR
  - West Germany reunification
  - French influence in Algeria
  - Middle East struggles
  - Rise of China

French independence

TABLE 13.1 Population of Palestine by Ethnic Group, 1931–1946

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Appendix II

Date of Enfranchisement of Women

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Note: This table is based on various official reports and publications.

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