

The Century: Peter Jennings
Shell Shocked: WWI

1. What happened to the Lusitania? Why was it important?
2. What are people's perceptions of war in 1914? What were their expectations?
3. What were the realities of WWI? Why was this true?
4. What is the "Massacre of the Innocence"?
5. What is America's position at the beginning of the war?
6. How did the assembly line affect the making of cars?
7. How do Americans become exposed to the war in Europe? How is it portrayed?
8. Why was the war in Europe good for Americans in the beginning? What impact does it have on immigration to the U.S.?
9. What is a war of attrition and how does WWI fit this definition?

10. Where did WWI soldiers live? Describe the conditions.
11. What does Peter Jennings mean by “the industrialization of war”?
12. What were some of the new weapons of WWI and what was the result?
13. Describe the Battle of the Somme. How does it represent the futility of WWI?
14. Why was Russia ripe for revolution?
15. What was Lenin’s message to the Russians? How is he able to come to power?
What was the impact on WWI?
16. Why did Americans feel that Germany was their enemy in 1917?
17. What was the American army’s mood, expectations and preparedness like when it arrived in France?
18. What did the Germans do in the Spring of 1918? What was the result?
19. What were the results of the Treaty of Versailles?