

HOMEWORK - The Age of Anxiety

1. The Generation of 1914: Disillusionment – Robert Wohl

Read the article and consider the following questions. Find specific information in the article related to answering each question and underline, highlight and/or annotate as needed.

- 1. What were the attitudes and expectations of people and, even some political leaders, immediately after the end of the war? Does the pre-war optimism carry over after the war?**
- 2. According to the author, what was a larger factor leading to disillusionment, the war itself OR the years immediately following the war? Why?**
- 3. What group in society felt particularly betrayed and disillusioned? Why was this so?**
- 4. Can Woodrow Wilson be blamed for any of the disillusionment? Why?**
- 5. What things/events occurred in the post-war world that seems to confirm the belief by many intellectuals “...that the apocalypse had only been postponed ...”?**

2. Textbook Assignment: The following questions and identifications need to be completed in your notebook!

Use textbook pages 979-982 (sections “Postwar Pessimism” and “Revolutions in Physics and Psychology”) to answer the following:

1. Fully describe what Gertrude Stein meant when she said the words “You are all a lost generation”
2. Explain why people started to express their doubts about democracy as a political system in the years after World War I?
3. Identify Oswald Spengler – book? ideas?
4. How did each of the following men and their ideas/theories contribute to the uncertainty and anxiety of the post war world?

-Einstein
-Heisenberg
-Freud