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Cities & Countries modernize

• Classes begin to stratify
  • Distinct difference in upper & middle class vs. the lower class
    • New York Tenements
  • Population shift in America to the North
  • European Countries experience Rift
  • Germany Industrializes
    • Monarchies of the past losing their luster

• Revolution & War
  • The Russian Revolution, 1917
    • Fueled by the writing of Karl Marx - Communism
    • End of the Romanov Reign – Bolshevik Revolution
    • Power to the Proletariat
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The End of the Hapsburg Empire

• Franz Joseph grows old loses power
• Hungary separates from the Empire
• Pressure from Germany, Russia & Balkans
• 1914 Archduke Ferdinand Assassinated in Sarajevo
• Austria forced to ally with Germany – lost all power

• The Rise of the Kaiser
  • Kaiser Wilhelm solidifies Germany & Prussia
  • Creates Industrial War Machine
  • Begins to fight Russia to fend of Communism
  • Fights France of the Alsace – Lorraine

• World War I
  • Germany engages in battle against France, England, Russia
  • Germany uses weapons of mass destruction
  • USA gets involved
  • Germany is defeated
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Post World War I

- Central Europe split apart
- Weimar Republic established in Germany
  - weak puppet government established by England & USA
  - People didn’t support it
- Economic Depression
  - Germany crippled
  - Hurts World Economy
- Rise of the Nazis & Adolph Hitler
  - Hitler writes Mien Kampf while in prison
    - Attacks socialism
    - Attacks the upper class
  - After Prison Hitler rallies ex-soldiers
    - preyed on the fact they were forgotten by new gov’t
    - Attacks the Jewish Banks & Merchants
    - accuses them of holding out on the Arians
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Culture

• The Rise of Jazz
  • Black Music from the South
    • first time black Culture crosses over racial bounds
  • As population shifted north for work, music came with
    • The Cotton Club

• The Roaring 20’s
  • Middle & Upper Class - Ragtime
  • Age of Decadence – Being Bad was Good
  • F. Scott Fitzgerald’s “The Great Gatsby”
  • Loosing of Victorian bounds

• The Modern Artists – The Cubist, the Abstract, The Theoreticians
  • Piet Mondrian
  • Pablo Picasso
  • Wassily Kandinsky
  • Paul Klee
  • Salvador Dali
Pioneers of Modern Design

Walter Gropius

Le Corbusier

Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

Frank Lloyd Wright
Considered to be one of America's most influential architects, Louis Henry Sullivan (1856-1924) was born in Boston and initially worked for renowned Philadelphia architect Frank Furness. He came to Chicago in 1873, where he worked briefly for William Le Baron Jenney, the so-called "father of the skyscraper." After a year of study in Paris, Sullivan returned to Chicago and became a draftsman for John Edelman, whose luxuriant organic ornamental designs had a significant influence on Sullivan. In 1879, Sullivan joined the firm of Dankmar Adler (1844-1900), one of the city's most outstanding structural engineers.
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Louis Sullivan

- Auditorium Theater Building, Chicago, Illinois, 1889
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Louis Sullivan

- The Transportation Building, Chicago, Illinois, 1893
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Louis Sullivan

• Schlesinger & Mayer Store (now Carson Pirie Scott Building), Chicago, Illinois, 1899-1904
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Louis Sullivan

• Stencil design, 1892
The National Farmers Bank, Owatonna, Minnesota
Built 1907-1908, Louis Sullivan, Architect
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George Grant Elmslie

• Table and Chairs, 1910
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George Maher

• Chair, 1912
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Louis Sullivan

- Charnley House, Chicago, Illinois, 1892
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