

## ***The World and United States: 1800-2020+***

### A. Group Discussion:

What year were you born in? \_\_\_\_\_

What year(s) were your parents born in? \_\_\_\_\_

What year(s) were your grandparents born in? \_\_\_\_\_

How is your daily life now different than was true for your grandparents?

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What has happened in the United States (and the World) since 1800?

Look at the top line with the population of USA and the percentage of the population living in urban/suburban areas?

- How is the US different now in 2024 than we were in 1800? 1900? 1950?

Is there anything notable about how the United States has been involved in military conflicts since 1820?

- What is notable about the US use of military force since 1941?

What have been major socio-economic challenges in the history of the United States?

- Demographic changes: Major immigration from Europe in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, resistance to immigration coming from non-White regions, opening the US to immigrants from the rest of the world (Immigration & Nationality Act, 1965).
- Slavery and post-slavery racism
  - “Jim Crow” & Segregation; lynching and terrorism before WWII.
  - Educational segregation: *Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896) to *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas* (1954)
  - Civil Rights Act (1965)
  - NOT SHOWN: *The Great Migration* (1910-1970). African Americans from the South moving to the urban areas of the Midwest and Northern states.
- Major economic challenges (Great Depression, Great Recession of 2007-2009): Poverty in the U.S., family economic insecurity, decline of industrial manufacturing job, etc.

## Media, Transportation, & Technology: More than Two Centuries of change

- What have been the major changes in transportation in the US in the last two centuries? How have these changes affected how people live?
- What have been the major changes in communication forms and the media in the last two centuries? How have these changes affected how people live?
- How has technology changed our lives in the last two centuries? How have these changes affected how people live?

## Science & Physiology

- What happened in the first 2/3rds of the 19<sup>th</sup> century in what we now call “science”?
- Since psychology emerged as a distinctive science around the last two decades of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, how might the other earlier sciences have influenced what psychology would attempt to do as an independent science?
- What have been the major scientific breakthroughs of the 20<sup>th</sup> century? How have any of these breakthroughs changed the way in which human beings live?