Explosion



Apokalyptische Landschaft, (Apocalyptic Landscape) by Ludwig Meidner in 1913.

Meidner was a German artist and prophet of the destruction of the Great War.

Answer the following from the video.

- 1. Describe the German Kaiser's personality.
- 2. How was Wilhelm treated by his family and tutor?
- 3. Who was Wilhelm related to? Who did he play with as a child?
- 4. When did Germany become united?
- 5. How did Otto von Bismarck keep Germany at peace?
- 6. What happened in 1888? What happened to Bismarck?
- 7. How was Great Britain turned into a potential enemy?

- 8. Describe the new technology at the turn of the century.
- 9. How did the "ordinary people" feel towards the social system?
- 10. What did the British Suffragettes want? How did they protest?
- 11. What was the government's response to the Suffragettes?
- 12. What movement threatened the established social order?
- 13. Who was Jean Juares? What was his greatest fear?
- 14. What was the threat of Serbia?
- What was the outcome of the 1912 Socialist Congress in Basel Switzerland?
- 16. How did Nicholas II feel about being Tsar of Russia?
- 17. What is the problem with absolute monarchies?
- **18.** Who was Rasputin? How was he harmful to the Russian monarchy?



Otto von Bismark first chancellor (1871-1890) of united Germany. "If there is ever another war in Europe, it will come out of some damned foolish thing in the Balkans."



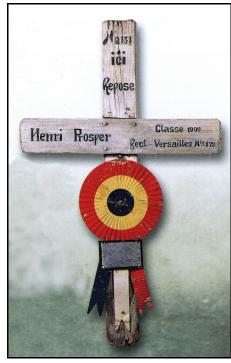
Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary

"What would we get out of war with Serbia? We'd lose the lives of young men and we'd spend money better used elsewhere."

"And what would we gain, for heaven's sake? Some plum trees, a few pastures full of goat droppings and a bunch of rebellious killers."

- 19. What was German society like before 1914?
- 20. Who was Ludwig Meidner? What were his "visions" concerning society?
- 21. Who was Gavrilo Princip? What was the "Black Hand"?
- 22. What happened to Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife Sophie in Sarajevo?
- 23. Why did Austria declare war on Serbia?
- 24. At first, what sort of war did Germany actually want? How did they react once it became obvious it would not occur?
- 25. What did Wilhelm and Nicholas decide to do? What was the outcome?

- 26. What happened to Jean Juares?
- 27. How did people react to the news of war?
- 28. What did the socialists and suffragettes do upon declaration of the war?
- 29. How did Vera Brittain feel about war in the beginning? Do you think she changed her mind later? Why?
- Why did many people in the early 1900s believe that war was inevitable?



Temporary Grave

This wooden cross was placed over the battlefield grave of a French soldier, later reburied in an official war cemetery. He was fortunate. Many bodies were never recovered.

