U.S History 1878-Present

Unit Two

Empire and World Stage (1890-1900)

*This era was a time of growing military power and influence.*

1890

• National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA) is founded

• July 2 --Sherman Antitrust Act Sherman silver purchase act

• McKinley tariff

• December 29 -- Last major battle of the Indian Wars occurs at Wounded Knee in South Dakota

• Census Bureau announces that the West has been settled and the frontier is closed

• Idaho and Wyoming become states

1891

• Basketball invented • The Baltimore crisis occurs between Chile and the US

• The Homestead strike

1892

• January 1 -- Ellis Island becomes chief immigration station of the U.S.

• Grover Cleveland elected

1893

• Sherman Silver Purchase Act repealed

• Panic of 1893 1894

• Coxy’s army

• Pullman strike

• Wilson Gorman Tariff

1895

• Pollock v. Farmers Loan and Trust Co.

1896

• Plessy v. Ferguson

• William Jennings Bryan delivers his cross of gold speech

• Gold discovered in the Yukon

• Utah becomes a state

• William McKinley elected

1898

• Spanish-American War

• April 25 -- U.S. to declares war on Spain

• Delome letter

• Treaty of Paris

• July 7 -- U.S. annexes Hawaii by an act of Congress

1899

• December 2 -- U.S. acquires American Samoa by treaty with Great Britain and Germany

1900

• William McKinley re-elected

Wilson and WWI (1912-1920)

*The European war broke out in 1914. Initially the USA claimed neutrality but found them selves involved in the war in 1917.The war provided job opportunities for women and a large migration of Southern blacks to Northern big cities where wartime manufacturing was creating jobs. The war ended in 1919. Weary of war, America was receding into a period of isolationism*

1912

• Taft wins Republican nomination over Roosevelt

• Woodrow Wilson elected

1913

• Underwood Tariff Act

• 16th Amendment

• Federal Reserve Act

• Huerta takes power in Mexico

• 17th Amendment

1914

• Clayton Anti-Trust Act

• Federal Trade Commission established

• U.S. occupation of Vera Cruz, Mexico

• World War I begins in Europe

1915

• La Follette Seamen’s Act

• Luisitania torpedoed and sunk by German U-boat

• U.S. Marines sent to Haiti

• Council of National Defense established

1916

• Sussex ultimatum and pledge

• Workingmen’s Compensation Act

• Federal Farm Loan Act

• Warehouse Act

• Adamson Act

• Pancho Villa raids New Mexico

• Jones Act

• U.S. Marines sent to Dominican Republic

• Woodrow Wilson re-elected

1917

• United States buys Virgin Islands from Denmark

• Germany resumes unrestricted submarine warfare

• Zimmermann note

• United States enters World War I

• Espionage Act of 1917

1918

• Wilson proposes the Fourteen Points

• Sedition Act of 1918

• Armistice ends World War I

1919

• Paris Peace Conference and Treaty of Versailles

• Wilson’s pro-League tour and collapse

• 18th Amendment

• Volstead Act

• Seattle general strike

• Anderson publishes Winesburg, Ohio

• Start of “Red Scare”

• American Legion founded

• Chicago race riot

1920

• Final Senate defeat of Versailles Treaty

• 19th Amendment

• Radio broadcasting begins

• Merchant Marine Act

• Warren G. Harding elected

The “Roaring” Twenties (1920-1929)

*Economic boom of post WWI. People stopped worrying about the war and started living again. Excess everything: social events, alcohol, sex, and jazz*

1919

• 18th Amendment adopted

1920

• 19th Amendment adopted

• Warren G. Harding elected

1921

• Towner Maternity Act

• Emergency Quota Act

• Sacco-Vanzetti Trial

• Bureau of Budget created

• Teapot Dome Scandal

• Tulsa Race Riot

• Veteran’s Bureau created

1921-1922

• Washington “Disarmament” Conference

1922

• Five-Power Naval Treaty

• Fordney-McCumber Tariff Law

• Four-Power and Nine-Power Treaties on the Far East

1923

• Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) proposed

• Adkins v. Children’s Hospital

1923-1928

• Calvin Coolidge takes over after Harding dies (Rep)

1924

• Immigration Act

• Dawes Plan

• KKK membership reaches 5 million

• Adjusted Compensation Act for veterans

• McNary-Haugen Bill, vetoed

• US troops removed from Dominican Republic

1925

• “Scarface” Al Capone begins 6 years of gang warfare

• “Monkey Trial” / Scopes Trial

1926

• US troops occupy Nicaragua

• 1927

Lindbergh flies the Atlantic solo

• Sacco and Vanzetti executed

1928

• Kellogg-Briand Pact

• Herbert Hoover elected (Rep)

1929

• Agricultural Marketing Act sets up Federal Farm Board

• Stock Market crashes – Great Depression begins