

**The Century: America's Time**  
**The Beginning: Seeds of Change**

1. Attitudes towards women and African-Americans have changed dramatically in the twentieth century. Discuss some of the changes and progress made for women and African-Americans.

2. How have politics and technology made the twentieth century the "killing century?"

3. Historians of immigration use a migration theory known as push/pull. Something "pushes" the immigrant from her homeland and "pulls" her to her new home. Discuss some of the push/pull factors for immigrants during the great waves of migration in the early twentieth century.

4. Discuss the changes and advances in technology during the twentieth century.

5. How did Henry Ford revolutionize the automobile industry, and American life?

6. Labor conditions at the beginning of the century were dangerous, dirty and miserable. Why were industrial conditions so bad?

Why did these conditions go unchecked?

Why weren't workers able to organize and unionize for better conditions?

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7. What is Progressivism?

How did the Progressive Movement shape early Twentieth Century history?

8. Why were Jim Crow laws allowed?

9. Newsreels were a standard part of movie entertainment. How did these newsreels “open the world” for their viewers?

10. How did the Panama Canal exemplify American technological prowess?