

I. Intro to Holocaust: “Looking Back on the End of the World” (Baudrillard)

Historical Periods

- a. Ancient
 - i. Materialism
 - ii. Alexander the Great
- b. Medieval
 - i. Idealism (God)
 - ii. Attila the Hun, Richard the Lionheart
- c. Renaissance
 - i. Politics
 - ii. Lorenzo de Medici, Vlad the Impaler, Ivan the Terrible, Torquemada, Richard III
- d. Enlightenment
 - i. Reason/Science
 - ii. Louis XIV
- e. Romantic
 - i. Self
 - ii. Napoleon Bonaparte
- f. Realism
 - i. Technology
 - ii. George Custer
- g. Modernism
 - i. Disillusionment
 - ii. Adolf Hitler, Hiro Hito, Joseph Stalin, Mao Zedong, Mustafa Ataturk
- h. Postmodernism
 - i. Uncertainty
 - ii. Sadam Hussein, Osama bin Laden, Pol Pot, Idi Amin, Slobodan Milosevic, Juan peron, Augusto Pinochet, Manuel Noriega, Ferdinand Marcos

Key Concepts/Figures

- a. Slavery: Jews, Women, Moslems, Indigenous Peoples, Peasants, etc.
- b. Enlightenment = Liberty, Equality, Freedom, Capitalism, Humanism, Progress
- c. Modern Trinity:
 - i. Darwin: Biological Evolution defeats Mysticism
 - ii. Marx: Nurture trumps Nature
 - iii. Freud: Unconscious runs the show

The Great War

- a. Statistics:
 - 37 Million Dead
 - 25 % of Male, Europeans 18-30
 - 11% of French (.37% of Americans)
- b. Reasons:
 - Scapegoating Jews

- c. Treaty of Versailles:
Blame Germany = Guilt
- d. NSDAP: Filled a Void, created meaning
1921 = country bumpkin, backwards racists. No statistical presence.
1933 = Parliamentary Majority
1944 = 12 Million Dead

Genocide

- a. Victims are a group
- b. Occurs over Time
- c. Complete and Total
- d. Perpetrated by a State
- e. Last Resort
- f. Occurs in Crisis
- g. Targets Civilians
- h. Creates Bystanders

Modern World is a Reaction to Nazism

- a. No Unequivocal Conclusions
- b. No Comparison of Suffering
- c. Responsibility is Ubiquitous
- d. Question Everything