

The modern age

1890-1930

Historical occurrence

- France, Germany, Japan and U.S.A. were in competition for material markets and the control of trade routes → That created an atmosphere of tension in all the world.
- Crumbled the balance between countries
- The Great Britain lost his supremacy
- New alliance in anticipation of the First World War

- 1917 Lenin and Bolshevik party took control of the Russian state in the name of the Russian working class;
- 1929: the wall street crash, signaled the beginning of the 10 years Great Depression

First World War (1914-1918)

- Inflation
- The conflicts:
 - Shocked generation;
 - Crumbled the balance between countries;
 - Drop the capitalism, faith in liberal democracy and Victorian idea of progress;

Science and industry had not produced a better world → the men became savage and violent

Welfare

- More control of the economy and responsibilities in looking after its poorer citizens.
- Old-age pensions
- Unemployment pay
- Medical treatment

Moods

- Pessimism
- Sense of isolation
- Insecurity
- Crisis
- Exasperation
- There are no more values