

Issues Leading to World War I (1815 - 1914)

In one sense, great progress was made in certain aspects: more nations, more democratic trends, more science and progress, more wealth and economic power, etc.

(The positive tangible developments were very visible)

However, there was a great deal of confusion, stress, frustration, resentment, fear, humiliation, lack of clarity, changing definitions, unexpected developments, polarization, clashing values, identity crises, arrogance, alienation, exploitation, anxiety, stress, paranoia, etc.

(The negative intangible developments were NOT very visible)

Ironic because Europe was supposed to clarify all this after Napoleon.

Ch. 12 – 13: focused on politics, diplomacy, nation – states

Ch. 14 – 15: focuses on social, cultural, intellectual trends, including population trends (demographics), economic trends, the global economic system, political trends and advancing democracy, and intellectual, social, artistic, scientific, philosophical trends

