Why 1890 - 1945 was chosen as the dates for period 6	"Closing of the Frontier"
Progressive Era	Transition from Rural to Urban Society
Harlem Renaissance	World War I
Treaty of Versailles and League of Nations	Great Migration

Frederick Jackson Turner's
Frontier Thesis argued the
frontier was "closed." Led
many Americans to call for
overseas expansion

1890 begins with the "closing" of the frontier and 1945 marks the end of WWII

US society adjusted as more people moved to cities – 1920 census – more people live in cities than rural areas

1890 – 1920, Progressives tended to be women, middle class, and live in urban areas. Progressives sought to use government influence to solve societal problems.

US entrance in 1917. US played a relatively minor role in the war, but large role in postwar negotiations.

Celebration of African
American culture through
music, poetry, and writing. Key
people – Langston Hughes,
Claude Monet, Zora Neale
Hurston

Mass movement of African Americans from the South to the North during WWI for economic opportunities Treaty that ended WWI;
League led to debates over the
role of the US in the world;
ultimately, the US did NOT join
the League

	Red Scare
Restrictive Immigration Quotas	Great Depression
New Deal	World War II
Japanese Internment	Decision to Drop the Atomic Bombs on Japan

Fear of Communism after
WWI, caused by: Russian
Revolution, labor strikes post
WWI, nativism; led to a
crackdown on immigrants and
radicals (suppression of rights)

Worst financial crisis in US history, led to calls for the creation of a stronger financial regulatory system

1921 and 1924 acts that severely limited immigration from Southern and Eastern Europe ("New immigrants")

US remained neutral until
Pearl Harbor; US and Allies
won due to: political and
military cooperation, industrial
production, and scientific
advancements; US emerged as
a world power

Drew on ideas from the
Progressive Era, sought to
address causes of the
Depression; faced opposition
by the left and right; left a
legacy of reforms that are still
around today

Many reasons – save American lives, end the war quickly, etc.; raised questions about American values

Japanese and Japanese Americans were placed in camps beginning in 1942; upheld by *Korematsu v. US*