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Review Questions

•What did the poet Wislawa Szymborska have in mind when she wrote that in the twentieth century, “A couple of problems weren’t going to come up anymore: hunger, for example, and war, and so forth”?

•In what way does the Mexican Revolution appear to be a product of the technological developments of the early twentieth century? What other conditions promoted this revolution?

•What were the chief causes of World War I, and why were the Balkans so important in its origins?

•What promises were made by colonial powers during the war that were not kept afterward?

•What were the most important actions of the Soviet Union in the first decade after the Communist Revolution?

•In what ways was the United States a world leader in the decade following World War I? In what ways was it not?