

La belle époque 1900-1914

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La Belle Époque 1900-1914 al Affiliation: La Belle Époque The film on La belle époque documents the events that took place in Paris between 1871 and 1914 after the end of the end of the France vs. German war of 1870/71. The need and desire for peace and prosperity, desire for new life and unusual things, industrialization, and the establishment of unions and labor movements made the period possible. Having experienced a devastating war, it was the hope of French people to experience peace, which acted an incentive for prosperity. The industrial developments that followed brought people together leading to the growth of cities and source of livelihood as evidenced in the video. The working conditions were improved with the rise of labor unions and this made it possible to coexist peacefully.

Regarding losers and winners, it was expected for gender equality issues to surface. Women were primary winners as they for the first time were allowed to work in factories and also to form their liberation movements. Besides equalization and factory safety for all professions, the right to vote was claimed by everybody as evident during voting exercise in the video. France also won as it achieved great strides in technology and military advancement in Europe. As with losers, the world leaders who were strong peace advocates became losers as the 1st World War started right away (Grapevine, 2014).

As with transformations, various changes are evident in urban development, gender equality, and to technology. During the La Belle, major urban development took place that shows the rise of icons such as Eiffel tower to surface (Grapevine, 2014). The nature of manufacturing work also evolved. The proceeding production became split between mechanization and rationalization. Consequently, the formerly hard to treat diseases could now

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be treated leading to the decline of infant mortality and a substantial increase in life expectancy.

Whereas it is not apparent how long the period was, it is estimated to have lasted for less than 15 years. The La Belle époque did not last, but it was a short period of prosperity and transformation. The rise of the 1st World War destabilized facilitated the end of the La Belle époque and all the hard gained achievements (Grapevine, 2014). It was hard for the la belle époque to last due to the mass destruction of property and livelihoods.

Reference

Grapevine,. (2014). La Belle Epoque 1900-1914. Retrieved from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=18m2WC4uJdU>