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Video Discussion Questions

Time Machine: 1900-1910

PART 1

Directions: After watching the video—but before reading the play—answer the following questions.

1. According to the video, the years from 1900 to 1910 were known as “the age of optimism.” What does *optimism* mean? (Use context clues to help you figure it out, then check a dictionary.) What evidence is given to support the claim that people were generally optimistic during this time?

2. The narrator says that the amazing growth of the economy during the early 1900s came at a “human cost” (2:18). What does she mean?

3. What is the mood of the section about factory workers, disease, and women (2:18-2:58)? How does the mood of this section compare with the mood of the rest of the video?

