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## **American Experience: Influenza 1918**

### **Video Questions**

View the Video at: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/influenza/>

**Watch Chapter 1: Sickness at Camp Devins, then answer the following questions. (18:30)**

1. How did the development of vaccination impact the human perception about disease?
2. How did mutation to the virus affect its spread after it re-emerged in Europe during the war?
3. How was the flu that emerged in 1918 different than the typical flues people were used to?
4. How did the flu spread so rapidly?

**Watch Chapter 2: A National Epidemic, then answer the following questions.**

5. What were some of the ideas spreading about what caused the illness?
6. What was the primary cause of death in people with the 1918 influenza?
7. What were some measures governments took to try to stop or slow the spread of the illness?

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8. Why didn't the vaccine developed work to prevent influenza illness?
9. What were some of the "folk medicines" that people tried using to fend against the illness?

**Watch Chapter 3: The Death Toll Rises, and answer the following questions.**

10. How did the ages of most people infected and killed by the 1918 influenza differ from the ages of those typically killed by ordinary flu?
11. With the army overseas decimated by the flu, what was the risk of sending more troops to replace them?
12. What were some of the social affects and fears that resulted from the escalating death toll in October?
13. Why did the rate off infection and death decline in early November?
14. How many Americans were killed from the flu in those few months of 1918?
15. How many were killed worldwide?
16. What portion of the human species was infected?
17. What are some reasons that might explain why most of human society has "forgotten" about what happened in 1918?