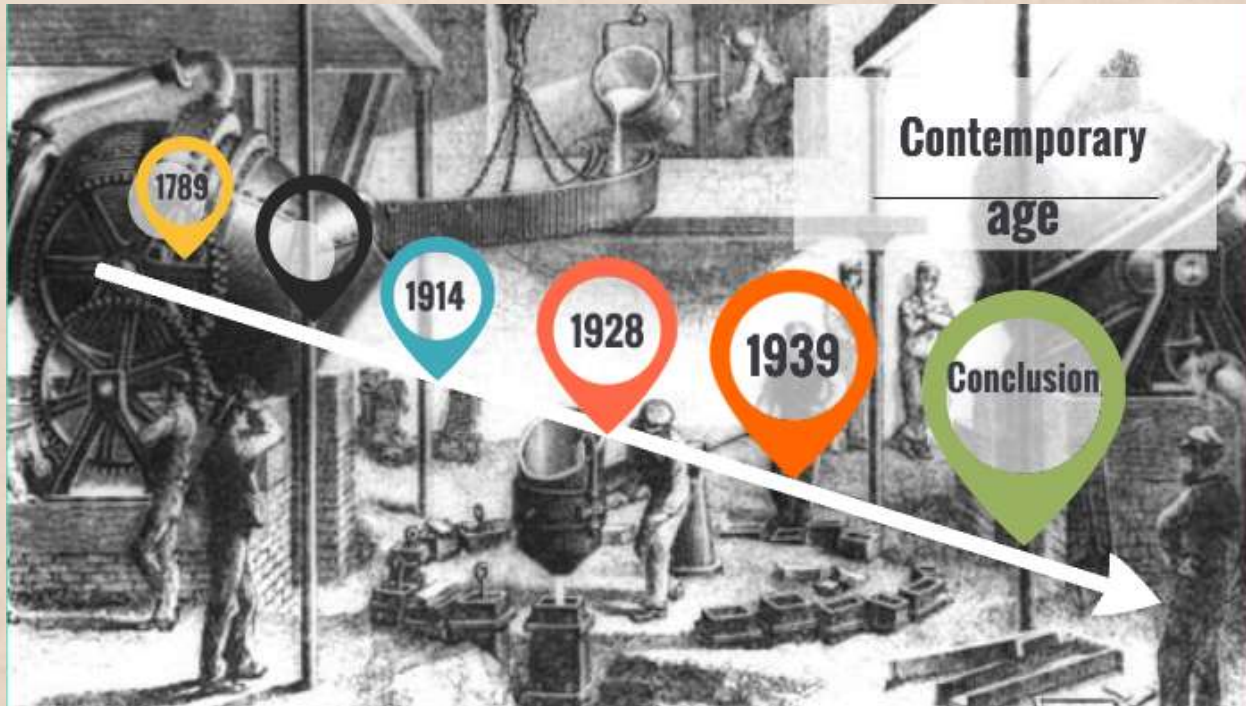# The Contemporary Age

1789 to now

The contemporary age has had a lot of political changes including political revolutions and wars.

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The French Revolution was the start of the Contemporary Age.

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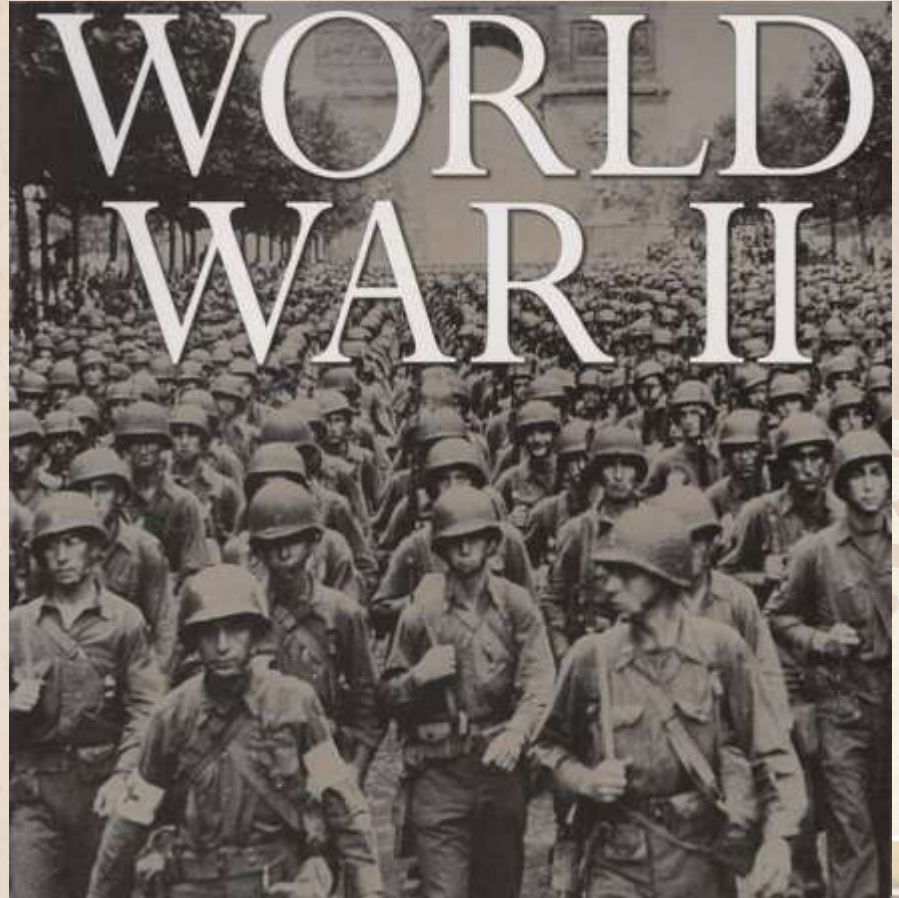
World War I was from 1914 to 1918 and started in Sarajevo, Bosnia.

World War I

World War II was from 1939 to 1945 and started with the German invasion of Poland.

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There were two political ideas that divided the world between 1945 to 1990: *Communism and Capitalism*

Communism

Individual people do not own land, factories, or machinery. Instead the government or the whole community owns these things. Everyone is supposed to share the wealth ($) they create.

Communism

Examples of communist countries: China, Cuba, North Korea

Capitalism

Citizens, not governments, own and run companies. These companies compete with other companies for business.
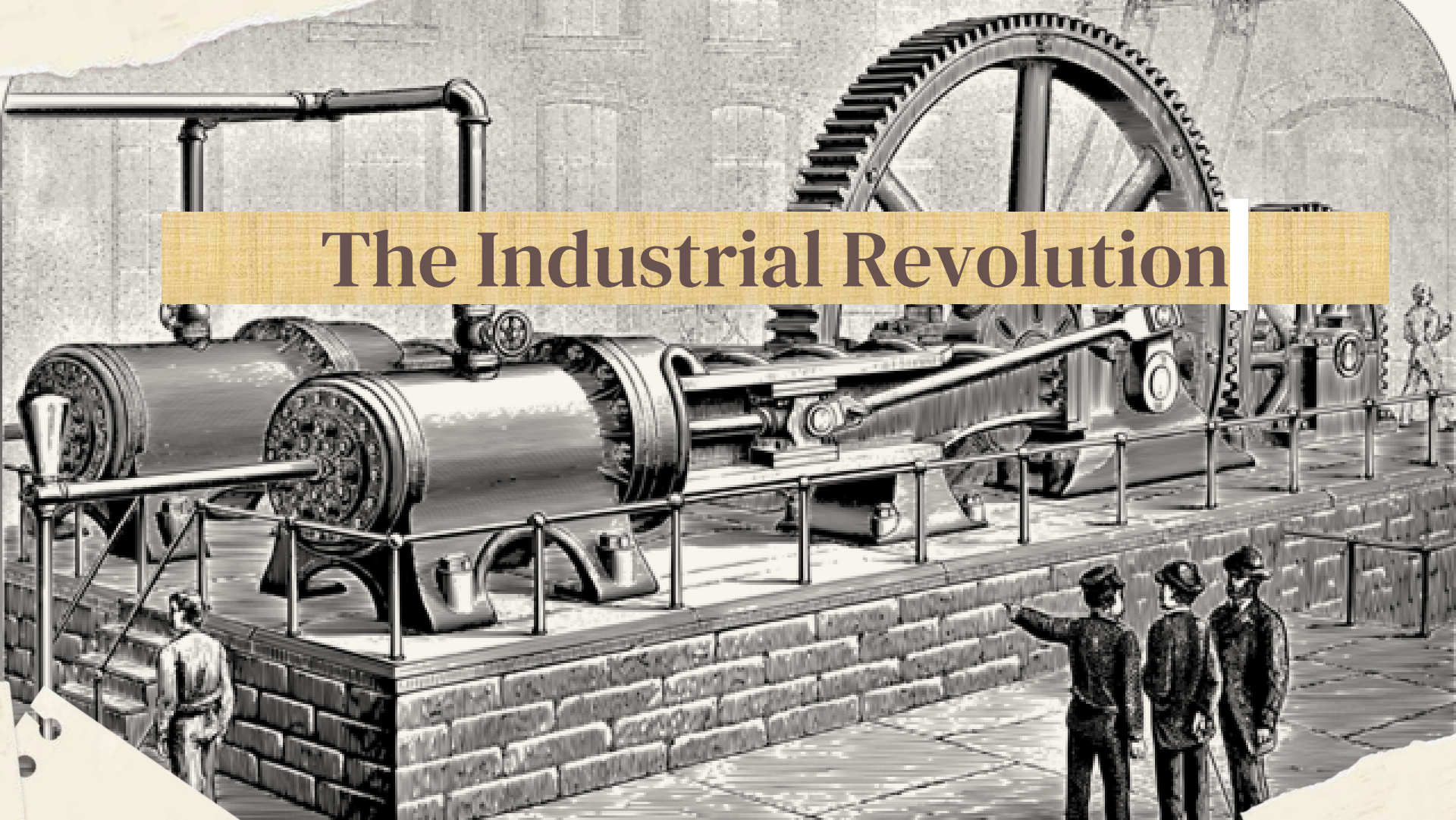
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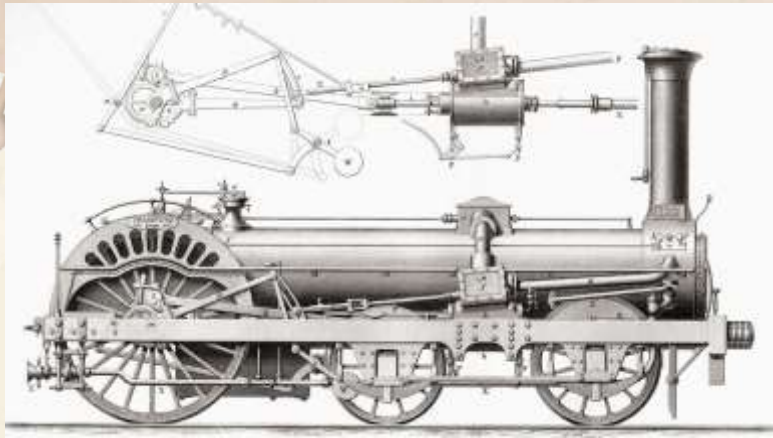
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Throughout the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries, the Industrial Revolution reached the rest of the countries.

The devices that worked with the steam engine, such as the locomotive, the loom or some agricultural machines, allowed workers to change from producing in an artisanal way to work in the factories of the cities and producing on a larger scale.

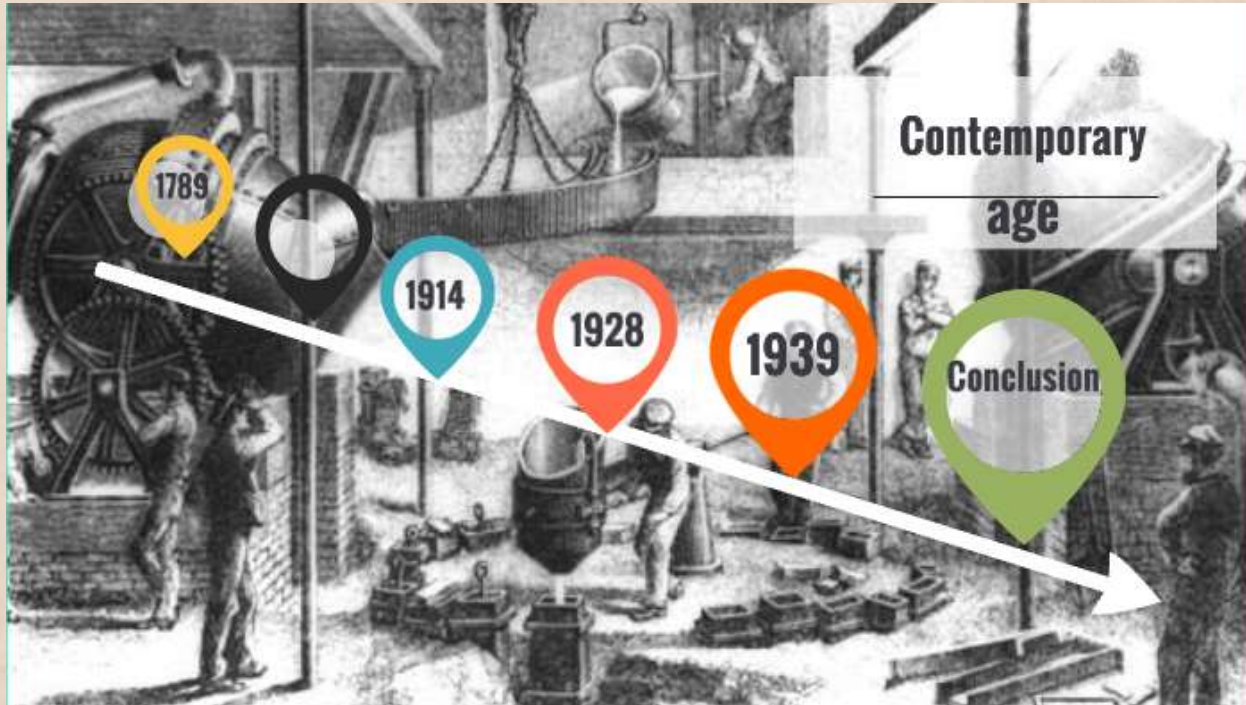Factor owners, who were often bourgeois, began to become wealthy and rich.

The Industrial Revolution

Pop Quiz!
What was the start of the contemporary age?
When did the contemporary age start?

Pop Quiz!
What two wars happened from 1914–1945?

Pop Quiz!

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Pop Quiz!
What started the industrial revolution?