The last episode in this series examines several major events of the 1990s and places them in a context that amplifies their thematic relevance. Included in this episode are the proliferation of computers, the Internet, communications revolutions and the technology of today poised to enter the world of tomorrow. Some of the highs and lows of the decade such as the Oklahoma City Bombing and The Million Man March are also examined, as is the contrast between military technology from World War I and the Gulf War.

VOCABULARY

Abstract  Demographic  Flux  Ideological
Antithesis  Demonize  Fundamental  Obscurity
Averted  Exploitation  Genuflect  Obvious
Cavalcade  Extrapolated  Haphazard  Omnipotent
Celestial  Fervently  Icons  Prestige

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Is the world today a better place than 100 years ago? Why?

The Internet is one of the most radical advances of the twentieth century. How does the Internet influence your life? How has it changed American life in the past decade?

Discuss the advances of military technology in the twentieth century. How is war different because of the new technology? How would you compare the Gulf War with World War I or World War II?
Why was the Oklahoma City bombing so **devastating** to the American **psyche**?

Government is very different at the end of the twentieth century than it was at the beginning of the century. What should the **role of government** be in America? What are your **predictions** for changes in government for the 21st century?

Why has the Ku Klux Klan been popular in America despite its violent actions and **intentions**?

Discuss African-American history in the twentieth century.

What has been the impact of television on the twentieth century?