***Influenza 1918***

**“*I had a little bird, its name was Enza, I opened the window, and in flew Enza.”***

***Words/Terms to Know***

epidemic

epidemiologist

virus

quarantine

vaccine

1. When did the first cases of the mysterious illness first appear in the United States?
2. List at least one disease for which a vaccine had been recently developed.
3. What did the doughboys from Kansas bring with them to Europe when they were deployed?
4. What were symptoms of this newly identified influenza?
5. How could one person quickly infect many people at a time?
6. How did the importance of and single-minded preparation for the war affect the influenza epidemic?
7. What sort of explanations did people develop for the causes of the epidemic?
8. Why was there such a shortage of doctors and nurses to treat the ill in this country?
9. List some ways/tricks/legislation etc. that individuals and towns tried to keep the epidemic from spreading.
10. Why didn’t a vaccine help?
11. Why were epidemiologists unable to determine and/or isolate the cause of influenza?
12. How did this influenza differ from previous flu epidemics in regard to which it affected the most?
13. Why was the decision to send reinforcements of soldiers to Europe a particularly difficult one for President Woodrow Wilson?
14. What effects did the high death toll have on the nation?
15. How did the epidemic finally end?
16. How many people died from the epidemic?