

## Next Stage of Violence NOTICE: Topics due

- Many Armenians disillusioned
  - Realized Sultan Abul-Hamid wouldn't protect them
  - Growing anti-gov't sentiment
    - Established *Ittihad ve Terakki Teshkilati* = Committee of Union & Progress (re: Young Turks)
  - 1902 Paris
    - First Congress of Turkish Liberals
    - Demanded:
  - 1907 Paris, second Congress convened
    - Pledged united campaign w/ Young Turks
    - Forced Abdul-Hamid to acquiesce

- Was historic brotherhood of Ottoman Christian & Muslim
  
- 1908-1914 = Amazing metamorphoses of Young Turks
  - Transformed into extreme chauvinists
  
  - Desired “new order”
  
  - Motivated by European exploitation of Turkish weakness
  
  - Turkish conservatives staged countercoup
    - Sultan deposed & exiled
  
    - Mehmed V given throne
  
  - Turmoil affects Armenians
  
  - Young Turk sympathizers incited mobs

- Privately YT leaders placated Arms
  
- Countercoup prompted cabinet to declare state of siege
  
- Impact of Nationalism of Young Turks
  - “A Conscious bond shared by a group of people who feel strongly attached to a particular land and who possess a common culture and history marked by shared glories and sufferings.”
  
  - Envisioned homogeneous Turkish state
  
  - Easiest way to create new empire
  
- In 1913 new coup
  - Power seized by ultra-nationalistic faction of Y.T
  - Dominated by triumvirate
    - Enver Pasha
    - Mehmed Talaat Pasha
    - Ahmed Djemal Pasha

- Arms resolved to remain loyal
  - Post-revolutionary gains/promises lost quickly
  - Balkan wars of 1912-13
  
- Euro consuls in region again report anarchy
  - Brit, Fr, Rus & Ger, Aus, It reach compromise
  
- Events “again” distract Euro focus from Arm Question
  - Arm leaders alarmed
  - Arms to Young Turks - maintain neutrality
  - Turks to Russian Arms = organize insurrection
  
- Problem: 1913 Faction = Germanaophiles

- Young Turks drawn to writings of Ziya Gökalp
  - Articulated ideology of Pan-Turkism
  - Justified violent transformation of heterogeneous empire into homogeneous state
  - Young Turks used “fog” of war
  
- Arms = first target
  - Made scapegoats
  - Time to settle Arm Question
  
- Arm genocide = 1st modern ideologically-motivated
  - Feb 1915 all Arms disarmed
    - Forced out of reg ranks
  - Civilians also disarmed

- Govt began massive deportations
  - April 8, 1915 1st deportation order
  
  - Procedure:
  
  
  - April 23/24: Arm leaders in Constantinople
  
  
  - Justification = Talaat claims Arms untrustworthy
  
- All of Asia Minor in motion
  - Villages given 1 hour
  
  
  - *Gendarmerie*
  
  
  - Greatest torment for women & children
  
  
  - Endured:
  
  
  - Rather than endure:

- Entire nation melted away
  
- Others join in
  
- Young Turks fostered broad-scale mobilization of segments of Turkish pop
  
- Global awareness slow
  
- 1916, Lepsius wrote first report
  - “The oldest people of Christianity is in danger of being annihilated.”
  
- 1916, Jackson, letter to Morgenthau
  
- Fate of Arms could only be achieved by state w/ clearly defined goal
  - Evidence

- Result: 1915-1918, some 1,500,000 Armenians die
  - Other “alien” populations targeted as well:
- Differences between Young Turk & Nazis
  - Young Turk Nationalism not based on “racial determinism”
  - Hitler publicly announced ideas
  - Gökhalp’s ideas not widely distributed
- Comparisons of Armenian genocide & Holocaust
  - Both events vigorously denied



- Analysis of Armenian genocide in format for paper:
  1. Was Armenia a genocide?
  
  2. Why was genocide perpetrated?
  
  3. Who were the leaders?
  
  4. Who were the actual perpetrators?
  
  5. How were the victims defined?
  
  6. How was the genocide implemented?
  
  7. What were the results?