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A Century of Change

	1902	2002
Total U.S. population	79.2 million	284.8 million
Leading country of birth of foreign born	Germany (2.7 million)	Mexico (7.8 million)
Population of Phoenix, AZ	5,544	1.3 million
Median age	22.9 years	35.9 years
Life expectancy	51.5 years	77.1 years
Annual Earnings	\$467 (average)	\$37,339 (median, men) \$27,355 (median women)
Proportion of women in the labor force	19%	61%
Proportion of adults with a high school diploma	6%	84%
Percentage of households consisting of people living alone	5%	26%
Average number of people per household	4.8	2.6
Total exports	\$1.5 billion	\$1.1 trillion
Number of tobacco manufacturing establishments	14,959	118
Number of petroleum and coal products manufacturing establishments	308	2,226
Motor vehicle registrations	23,000	212 million

Note: The data are the most recent as of the reference date



A Century of Change Worksheet

http://www.readwritethink.org/lesson_images/lesson151/century-change.htm

Directions: Examine the table on the U.S. Census Bureau’s webpage, *A Century of Change*. Then, use the “Guide Sheet: Using QARs with Graphics” to answer the following questions.

Question	Type of QAR	Answer
1. List two statistics indicating that in the last century Americans have been living longer.		
2. What might have influenced the increase in the number of women in the labor force between 1902 and 2002?		
3. What was the percentage of people with a high school diploma in 1902?		
4. What do you think is the most interesting comparison revealed in the table that occurred between 1902 and 2002?		
5. What data would you like to see comparing lifestyles in 1902 and 2002?		
6. What is the increase in years between life expectancy in 1902 and 2002?		



Teacher's Guide

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1. List two statistics indicating that in the last century Americans have been living longer.	Think and Search	Median age Life expectancy
2. What might have influenced the increase in the number of women in the labor force between 1902 and 2002?	Author and You	War, single-parent families, cost of living, better education for women, etc.
3. What was the percentage of people with a high school diploma in 1902?	Right There	6%
4. What do you think is the most interesting comparison revealed in the table that occurred between 1902 and 2002?	Author and You	Answers will vary.
5. What data would you like to see comparing lifestyles in 1902 and 2002?	On Your Own	Answers will vary.
6. What is the increase in years between life expectancy in 1902 and 2002?	Think and Search	25.6 years