

History 474a  
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**John F. Carter, “These Wild Young People’...by One of Them”**

1. Why is John F. Carter so critical of the older generation? What are his main criticisms?
2. According to Carter, how did the older generation take away the idealism of the younger generation?
3. Why has Carter’s generation become “overnight realists” at such a young age?
4. What role has The Great War (World War I) played in creating division between the older and younger generations?
5. According to Carter, what distinguishes his generation from that of the “oldsters”? Why does he prefer the world view of his generation to that of the “oldsters”?
6. How does this portrayal of the “generation gap” compare with today’s differences between your generation and your parents’?