

# I, William Jennings Bryan - (1860-1925) & Religious Politics

A Bryan & Bryan's coalition mobilized the Protestant conscience of the Protestant middle class on behalf of economic reform that focused specifically on money & banking.

1 Prior to Bryan, the Democratic Party had been a party of northern city mechanics & the solid South. Bryan's reform message broadened the party's appeal; made possible Woodrow Wilson & the New Deal of F.D.R.

## 2. Bryan - Background & Politics

a. Middle class railroad lawyer

b. The election of 1896 & the

Cross of Gold Speech (candidates

in 1896, 1900, & 1908

c. Social Reform - Prohibition, Women's

Suffrage, Andrew Residation - Gold Standard



# Bryan's Reform Package:

A. Financial Reform

B. Direct Election of Senators

C. Women's Suffrage

D. Prohibition

E. Foreign Policy Reform  
1 Mexican Revolution  
1910-20

## II, Bryan's World - AGO-1925

A Rapid Industrialization  
And Urbanization

B. Massive Immigration

1. The Southern European  
Question

2. Political Stability And  
Change

a. Perceived Polarization

At Political/Industrial

C. Rise To Global Power

1. Bryan As Secretary of State

a. Mexico and Intervention

2. Anti-Colonialism