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Prelims List: Chronological Field Twentieth Century

**Turn of the Century**


**1900-Progressivism**


**Great Depression-New Deal- WWII (~1929-1945)**


**Post War Era (1945-1963–)**


1960s and Beyond


The turn of the 20th century includes the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th. In American English it can be as above, but it could also be referred to as the turn of the 19th century, i.e. viewing it as the century turning from the 19th century rather than as turning to(wards) the 20th. See Wikipedia. share | improve this answer â€ For me, the turn means the moment it changes INTO the century that follows. And I just do not agree with Chicago Manual of Style, insofar as “n-th century” means the same in BrE and AmE. I mean specifically that n-th century means the same in both, ergo, the turn must then refer to the one you arrive at after the turn. I do not believe there is any discrepancy in BrE and AmE for 19th century or 20th century. Turn of the century, in its broadest sense, refers to the transition from one century to another. The term is most often used to indicate a non-specific time period either before or after the beginning of a century - for instance, if a statement describes an event as taking place “at the turn of the 18th century”, this means it took place somewhere around the year 1700. Where no specific century is stated, the term usually refers to the transition from the 19th century into the 20th century: a novel referring to “turn of the century England,” indicates England, circa 1900.