

ANALYZING "THE INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC OF 1918"

- 1.** Why does Carla R. Morrissey feel this story is important to tell?
- 2.** Provide evidence to support the idea that the 1918 flu epidemic has not received enough attention.
- 3.** Explain the relationship of the flu outbreak in the U.S. to World War I.
- 4.** Does the author refer to the global aspect of the flu? Cite examples if available.
- 5.** The article reveals that how many people died of influenza in the U.S?
(Note: Experts disagree on the number of deaths. Record-keeping was not accurate during this period. The global death toll normally is reported at 20 million, but most experts now believe that 50 million to 100 million was more likely.)
- 6.** What efforts were made by the Federal Government to control the spread of the disease?
- 7.** What medical options were available to treat influenza?
- 8.** Provide 5 key ideas that are most significant from Josie Mabel Brown's recollections.
- 9.** What do you think a winding sheet was?
Why could this be symbolic of the 1918 epidemic?
- 10.** What is Enza?
What does this indicate about the extent of the epidemic and life in general?
- 11.** Research the use of the name, "Spanish Influenza." Why was the 1918 flu called this?
- 12.** Determine the difference between epidemic and pandemic. When does one term replace the other when referring to a disease?