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Virtual Exhibit
Junior Curator Sheet

The War with Nature: 1918 Influenza Pandemic



Figure 1 from the National Archives

1. In what year did the United States enter WWI? _____

*Bonus: In what year did WWI start in Europe? _____

2. Which doctor wrote letters about the flu to the U.S. Surgeon General, but was ignored?

3. Who was President of the United States during WWI and the 1918 Flu Pandemic?

4. Since the influenza outbreak didn't start in Spain, why do we call it the Spanish Flu? _____

5. When both of Durango's hospitals were full of flu patients, what organization opened an emergency hospital in their office rooms?

6. What percentage of Silverton's population died in the 1918 Flu Pandemic? Do you think this had an impact on their emergency response to Covid-19 in 2020? _____

7. In 1918, the public used several methods to stop the spread of the flu. Name two of these methods that were used in 1918 and 2020:

a. _____ b. _____