Literature Review

1. This basically tries to explain the circle theory of history.  The circle theory of history is the concept that all events occur in a cycle that are more or less alike.  So basically it stated that everything in history is always repeating itself and that there really isn’t a progression of history but the repetition of history.  They stated that one of the biggest proofs about where this actually happened is with the constellation of the sky.  We all see that same star formation over the time of history.  However it has always been there. So basically the constellation is a cycle of history because it is always there however it changes though the year with different constellation at the time.
2. A cyclic view on history can actually be viewed as a scientifically explanation for everything. The tradition way that we view history is a linear view, where there is a beginning and end, the author opinion was that it was fundamentally incorrect because it leaves so many answers unanswered.  (A linear view of history involved God, The Big Bang, etc.)  However in a cyclical history the concept is that an origin would have an origin and so on, so that will result in an infinite amount of origin.  They stated that history actually creates itself and eventually repeats itself such as a clock is always the same time twice a day.  Because of this it can explain scientific question such as the big bang. (The universe created itself by collapsing and thus creating another big bang so it is infinitely expanding.  This also applied for the gods; it was created itself because of the creations, or results of its follower.  They said because history repeats itself that everyone has an infinite number of results of the history.  What fascinated me the most was the concept of alternate realities?  Because in this concept history repeats itself in a circle they also add that there is an infinite amount of results so when we really think about it the circle will become a sphere where there are truly an infinite amount of possibilities.  So within each circle within the sphere they think that this can represent a parallel universe or alternative reality.
3. I’m this article it really just about the religious view of history.  I really like how this saying help explained the different between the two concepts of history. “Are we stuck in a never ending cycle beyond our control? Or are we heading toward an ultimate conclusion?”  First I will summarize about the views of how the Christian would feel.  Because in the bible there it stated that God created Heaven and Earth.  So that will be the beginning of the start of the universe, explaining a creation.  They also had a quote in the bible that talked about the end of the world.  So it basically has an absolute beginning and an end.  However in hand most of the ideas of cyclical history were very popular in the middle-eastern areas and in Greece.  The one religion they used to expand it was with the Indians and Hinduism.  In their religion they believed in the concept of reincarnation, where once someone dies they are born into another body. So basically an individual is continuing their like without ever even knowing it.  So in the end they can see that there is a lot of supporting information to back it up.  However cyclical history is harder to prove because it mostly a philosophical theory,
4. In this one hour documentary about the great year they had a lot different concept about how a cyclical theory can be applied to the unknown facts of the world. First of all they stated that the repetition of history has a lot to deal with the constellation of the star in the sky. Their theory is just as we have day and night, season, and years there is actually one more cycle that is made and they name that cycle the GREAT YEAR. They said that there is a cycle that is predetermined by the cycle of the constellation. And they tried to use that to explain the answers of the world. They talk about how some of the early civilizations were so advance compared to what we have. Some of the examples they use was with the strange stone hedge. They said that the ancient artifact was about used to the measure the locations of the star in the sky. A lot of ancient civilizations were so intertwine with the constellation of the world that they built a lot of their building based on the constellation. They believe that there is a cycle of knowledge that will repeat itself was well as the fall of civilizations. They believe that once mankind reaches the golden age of the great year that we will be enlighten thinks and that we will actually have the same thought of a god.
5. The term eschatology is the Christian term that means the study of the end of history in a religious perspective. Based on the Christian books we can see that they believe that god created the world and that he will be the one that end in the future. If that is true we can see that they have linear view on history. However is that truly what it really means? In the bible it contain many prophecies about the future, however the one that actually got me confused as with the Millennium, Tribulation, Armageddon, and the Rapture. Each one of these has their own characteristic about that period of time. In the millennium period it is a time of universal peace that that it is the golden age of the time. That everyone will understand everything under about god and nature it self. The tribulation is then the period when a religious leader called the antichrist takes power. Then the Armageddon is a war caused by the antichrist that is all over the world and will kill most of the people one earth. Then the rapture is when Jesus is soppose to return again to bring all of the Christian with him to heaven ( only the “born again Christian, dead or alive) leaving a majority of the people still on earth. They said that is what will happen but truly is it? There are still people on the earth and what he thinks is that the cycle will actually repeat itself over and over again. However this concept has been conflicting with the Christian belief because they still feel that there is a beginning and an end and that is it.
6. Saint Augustine was a really interesting figure in Christianity, was actually born a non-follower that actually did a lot of unchristian deeds. Gamble, drank excessively, and played around with prostitutes, which is considered a sin in the Christian view. Because of this he was never truly a hundred percent certain that god actually existed. Because of this he created one of the most interesting concept of time. His question was that if God is eternal, how he can live exist in a time bound universe. So his theory was that God does exist in time, and that time was created when God created the earth. The only creatures that can perceive time then would be humans, so that god actually likes in a universe that time does not exist. That answers the theory on how god can exist but there was still a theory about how time functions for us. The then tried to say that time was an actual concept that can be measured and sensed. He stated that even though we think we can measure time the truth is that we can’t. The only way that we can rationalize the measurement of time is by memory (past), attention (present), and expectation (future).
7. The question of time has always been a hard question for scientist to actually define however Sean Carroll seems to have come up with a plausible explanation. In his theory he tried to use the big bang theory to explain this phenomenon. In the big bang theory universe are created infinitely and it just expands the universe. At one point that is the basic explanation for the creation of universes. However Carroll believes that there is something that I much bigger than the big bang theory. In his theory he uses says there is a huge medium where there is core that is stagnated in place and is not moving. However on each side of the core there is a big bang that is happening. When this is happening it Is infinitely expanding with no stop. The first direction that does to the left represent the past, the middle is the present, and the left is the future. He said that time is just that, we are living in nonmoving universe , however even though it is not moving there are still many futures thus creating endless past. He also stated that we as human can always move into the future we still can move into the past. If his theories are true there is possibility that we can actually travel back in time however we are still at time where technology are still lacking to achieve such powers.
8. Reincarnation has always has been a big question when asked about some religion, whether or not it truly exist or not.  However in some religion like Hinduism and Buddhism they believe that it does exist.  The concept of reincarnation is a way for someone to become enlighten and to be able to think as if or she is like a god of some sort.  This is a form or reliving history however the question is if we are reborn, why cant we remember anything about our past life.  Some say that we actually remember a time bit of it in a form of dreams or deja vu, however that has never been proven. The other theory is that when we do past we actually have to start from scratch again to achieve our enlightened stated.  However these two theories are still only guesses about how it actually works.  One way that people say that we can prove reincarnation is by hypnotic.  When someone is in their hypnotic state they are inducing a altered state of conscious.  When they are hypnotized they become very receptive to the hypnotist suggestion.  In some cases they stated that one of their patient was actually able to recall a date that was past her actual date or birth.  When the person was in the hypnotist regression they actually started to speak to him in another language.  The explanation they used is call crypto-amnesia which is used in refreshing forgotten memories of one past.  However one down fall is actually within  the concept hypnotism.  Because when someone is in a inductive state of mind they become suggestive whatever the hypnotic will say so there is a possibility that the person is actually being forced to say something they don't know that they are being forced upon.
9. A collective conscience is society where the people are the together and they think together.  In this kind of culture it is believe that people have similar thoughts and ideals.  However the problem is that when people start think a lot they have a sense in that they all have to think alike and this is a concept of suggestive implantation.   Due to the increase of technology in the world today there seem to be a bigger sense of collectivism.  This is cause by the media and the internet.  Also within the School system.  The teachers teach their children about what they think they should learn.  so in a way they passing her ideals to her pupils. Louis Althusser, an avid Marxist, created a concept of a top-down network “Ideological State Apparatuses” which makes a system where there are the leaders and followers.  The followers or Observers make up most of the population.  When this happens they seem to follow the leaders.  This is somewhat like our society with the class system of wealth.
10. We can see how different cultures perception of time can affect the behaviors of the people.  First we will look through the view of the linear thinker.  Most of the linear think are those who are in the Christian belief where they believe there is absolute beginning and end.  Because of this they think they don't have an infinite amount of time to stay alive, in a way of speaking. So they try to advance in life such as technology and achievement.  So when this happens they usually become more determine to work and outperform more than other people.  This usually means that they greed is involved with this type of culture.  However on the other hand in a cyclical culture there is an infinite amount of time because there is no beginning or end.  Everything is sort of repetition of events, so this means that there is going to be a rise and fall of an event.  Because of this they don't question anything because they know that there is a power higher than them, or a god.  It is just a cycle, so when this happens people seem to be a collective society.  They usually work together and get things done.  This can be seen with the Indian concept of hunter and gathers where they all work together to get things done.