

US History

Social & Political History – 1920s

Questions To Consider

Postwar Issues: Nativism & Isolationism

1. What factors led America to become a nativist country?
2. What factors led America to become an isolationist country?

Postwar Issues: Fears of Communism & The Red Scare

1. Why did Americans believe a revolution similar to Russia's could occur here?
2. Why do many look back on the Palmer Raids as a negative time in American history?
3. What did the Sacco and Vanzetti case illustrate about the scope of the Red Scare?

Postwar Issues: Labor Unrest

1. What led to increased labor unrest and strikes in 1919?
2. What was the common accusation directed toward all strikers during this period?
3. Did it work?

Postwar Issues: Race Relations

1. What famous time period in black history occurred in NY because of the Great Migration?
2. What conditions enabled a reemergence of Ku Klux Klan?
3. How did the goals of the NAACP and the UNIA differ?

Republican Presidents of the 1920s

1. What policies did all three Republican presidents of the 1920s share?
2. Why was Harding's legacy tarnished after his death?

The Economy & Innovation

1. How did the expanded availability of electricity change America?
2. What concept did Henry Ford use to expand his business & change American culture?
3. Identify two ways that the car changed America?

The Creation of a Consumer Culture

1. How did the new consumer culture make it possible for Americans to purchase more?
2. How did the new consumer culture increase American's desire to purchase more?

Prohibition & Organized Crime

1. What two pieces of legislation started prohibition?
2. What developed because of prohibition that was a negative for American society?
3. What piece of legislation repealed prohibition?

Youth Culture, Entertainment, & Religion

1. What evidence is there that the image of women changed in the 1920s?
2. Identify some changes in entertainment in the 1920s.
3. What did the Scopes trial illustrate about American society?