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The Century: America's Time - 1920-1929: Boom To Bust

Directions: Watch the video concerning America in the 1920s and answer the questions provided below.

1. What was the 18th amendment? How did Americans react to the passage of the amendment?
2. What was a “speakeasy”? How did Prohibition encourage an American life of crime?
3. What was the “roar” of the Roaring 20s? What helped to spread the ideas formed during this decade? WHERE was this “modern” era born?
4. Describe the financial situation of America at the beginning of the 1920s? Provide examples of how wealthy American families lived.
5. Who was George Gershwin? What music form introduced him to his passion?
6. Who were Gershwin’s influences? Where was the birthplace of this musical and cultural boom?
7. Who was the “New Negro”?
8. Describe the NY lower east side?
9. Provide examples of ways in which technology transform daily life for America during the 1920s?
10. How did advertising change the way that Americans fair economically?

11. How did women find independence during the 1920s following the 19th Amendment? (What did women do differently after achieving suffrage?)

12. What was a “Flapper”? What was a “Vamp”?

13. Explain the events of the Scope’s Trial of Tenn.(1925) Who aided in the legal proceedings? What was the result of the trial?

14. Why did the Ku Klux Klan membership increase (4M) during the 1920s?

15. What was “The Spirit of St. Louis?” Who was the pilot of this journey and what was he attempting to accomplish? Did he complete this task?

16. Who was Admiral Richard Byrd? What “unexplored” land had yet to be explored was finally reached during this decade?

17. What happened in October (10/29) 1929 that changed for the stock market?

18. Explain the infamous “crash” that took place at the end of the decade? What happened to the middle class people of America following this event? What was this linked to taking place earlier in the decade?

*If you had to summarize the feelings of the decade 1920s what word would you choose? Why did you choose this term?