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Social Studies

Unit Study Guide: The Roaring Twenties

Terms and People

Teapot Dome Scandal	Secretary of the Interior (Albert Fall) accepted bribes to lease government land in Teapot Dome, Wyoming.
Disarmament	Reduction of armed forces and weapons of war.
Installment Buying	Buying goods on credit.
Stock	Shares of ownership in a corporation.
Bull Market	Period of increased stock trading and rising stock prices.
Prohibition	Ban on the manufacture, sale and transportation of alcohol anywhere in the U.S. (began with 18 th Amendment, ended with 21 st Amendment).
Bootleggers	People who smuggled (secretly brought) bottles of alcohol into the United States, sometimes hiding it in their boots.
Speakeasies	Illegal bars.
Flappers	Young women who rebelled against the traditional ways of thinking and acting.
Fad	An activity or fashion taken up with great passion for a short time.
Jazz	A type of music that combines West African rhythms, African American work songs and spirituals, and European harmonies.
Louis Armstrong	Famous jazz musician of the 1920s who played the trumpet.
Langston Hughes	African-American whose poems won praise not only for beauty but also for his moving expressions of racial pride.
Communism	An economic and political system in which the government owns the means of production and a single party rules.
Red Scare	Widespread fear of communism, resulting in the arrest of thousands of communists ("reds") and anarchists who spoke out against the government.
Nativism	Belief that the U.S. should be preserved for native-born Americans and that immigration should be limited.
Quota System	Method used by the U.S. government to limit the number of immigrants coming from each country; favored northern and western Europeans.
Sacco and Vanzetti	Two Italian immigrants accused and convicted of murder in 1927.
Scopes Trial	Controversial trial about the teaching of Darwin's theory of evolution.

Study Questions

1. Explain the meaning of Warren Harding's campaign slogan "back to normalcy."
2. Explain the views of Presidents Harding and Coolidge about...
 - a. the U.S. government's role in the economy.
 - b. the U.S. role in world affairs.

3. Explain what happened with the Teapot Dome Scandal (who, what, where, why?) and what happened as a result.

4. a.) Explain how Americans' attitudes towards spending money changed in the 1920s.

 b.) Explain how these attitudes affect big business and the U.S. economy.

5. a.) Describe the effects that prohibition had on United States in the 1920s.

 b.) Why was prohibition ended in 1933?

6. Describe, specifically, how new inventions and technology changed peoples' lives in the 1920s.

7. Describe, specifically, how new cultural trends and entertainment changed peoples' lives in the 1920s.

8. For the Red Scare, explain:

What it was	What caused it	What happened as a result

