

The Roaring Twenties

Watch the video and then, give short answers to the following questions. There are some questions where you will have to write more detailed answers.

1. Which president called a return to normalcy? What did it really mean?

2. What was the new culture of the 1920's based on?

3. Why do you think this period was called the 3rd Industrial Revolution?

4. What was the dream of Henry Ford?

5. What helped him make his dream come true?

6. What colour cars were only available at that time?

7. How much money did Henry Ford pay to his workers a day in 1914?

8. Why did he decide it was worth paying them so much money?

9. In what ways were the workers' working conditions improved? What was the reason for that?

10. Why did they introduce the system of buying on credit? ("buy now, pay later")

11. Which automobile company recognized that cars could be sold on the basis of comfort and style (also differently priced)?

12. How many people moved to urban areas (drawn by jobs and by the desire for a better life) from the countryside during the decade?

13. What were the symbols of American prosperity?

14. How did automobiles change all aspects of American life?

15. How did women's lives change? (list at least 5 changes)

16. Which amendment to the Constitution gave women the right to vote? When was it issued?

17. How did women's behaviour change? What did the Flappers look like? What were they like?

18. What were the major breakthroughs in the home? What kind of electrical appliances appear?

19. How did advertising change people's lives? Where were the products advertised? Who were the advertisements aimed at?

20. What role did advertising play in beauty industry?

21. How did movies influence people in the 1920's?

22. Why are the 1920's also called the Jazz Age?

23. Why was jazz music considered as highly controversial?

24. Where was jazz music born?

25. Which part of the US/NYC was the home of the largest black community by the early 1920's?

26. How would you characterize the „new Negro“ community, the new generation of the African American city dwellers?

27. What is Harlem Renaissance?

28. When was the 18th amendment to the Constitution issued? What did it contain? Was it effective? What was its result?

29. What was the Americans' attitude toward foreigners after WWI?

30. What can you get to know about the Ku Klux Klan? Who did they attack?

31. From which countries was immigration limited in the 1920's?

32. Which city hosted the biggest sporting event in America history in 1926?

33. Who was Lucky Lindy? What did he become famous for?

34. What was a general belief that most American had in common in the 1920's?

35. When did the Great Depression occur? What was it caused by?
