



## Politics of the 1920s

Three Republican Presidents (in a row)



President 1920-23



President 1923-1928



President 1928-1932

all promoted “a return to \_\_\_\_\_” after WWI

### Washington Conference

1922

post-WWI, America is very \_\_\_\_\_  
(doesn't want to get involved in what's going on in other countries)

a conference is held in Washington, DC with \_\_\_\_\_ other nations

US and other nations agree to limit their \_\_\_\_\_  
(men, arms, ships)



Japan had taken land from China, so we told them they could only have \_\_\_\_\_ ships for every \_\_\_\_\_ of ours  
(?)

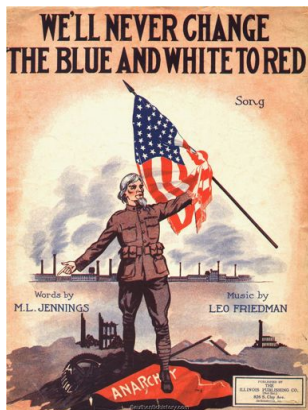


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### The Red Scare

a fear of foreigners and \_\_\_\_\_ emerged  
 natives were worried that immigrants would take their \_\_\_\_\_  
 natives didn't like immigrants' differences: religion, dress, food, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ A. Mitchell Palmer



arrested about 6,000 people; some were \_\_\_\_\_  
 (sent out of the country)

*he slowed down a bit on the arrests and deportations after someone threw a bomb that blew up his house*



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### Restricting Immigration



cut the number of people admitted to the US to 3% of the total number of people in any group already living in the US in 1910

cut down to 2% of a group's U.S. population in 1890: New Immigrants v. Old Immigrants

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### The Prohibition “Experiment”

came about from anti-foreign sentiment and religious crusading against the so-called “demon rum” in 1919, the \_\_\_\_\_ was passed prohibiting \_\_\_\_\_

positive results: bank savings \_\_\_\_\_ and absences at work \_\_\_\_\_



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### The “Golden Age” of Gangsterism

prohibition created a new industry for organized crime: \_\_\_\_\_

gangs were born and staked out territories for selling alcohol



bars were called \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ guests of a speakeasy had to know a \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ to enter



\_\_\_\_\_ had the greatest number and strongest gangs

“\_\_\_\_\_” Al Capone was the biggest and baddest of all the crime bosses

the “G-men” (\_\_\_\_\_ men = federal police)

named him “\_\_\_\_\_ Number One”

although never convicted of mob-related activities, he was put in jail for \_\_\_\_\_



# Flappers



young modern women in the 20's  
visited speakeasies, drank alcohol, dressed  
in short dresses, "bobbed" their hair  
danced to the \_\_\_\_\_



# Culture of the 1920s

## The Harlem Renaissance

The \_\_\_\_\_ arts movement (writing, arts, music) in the 1920s  
centered in Harlem, NYC



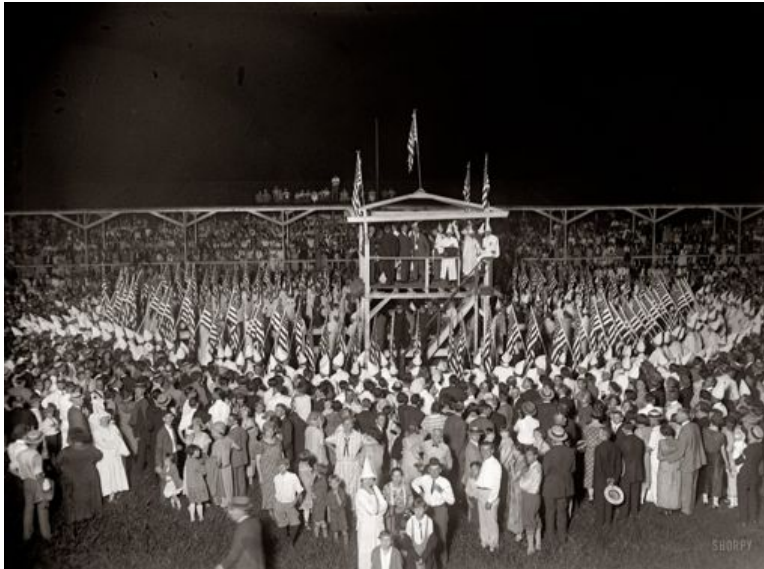
Notable Harlem Renaissance Artists:

Langston Hughes, Author  
Louis Armstrong, Jazz Musician  
Duke Ellington, Jazz Musician  
Marian Anderson, Singer  
Billie Holiday, Singer



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## The KKK

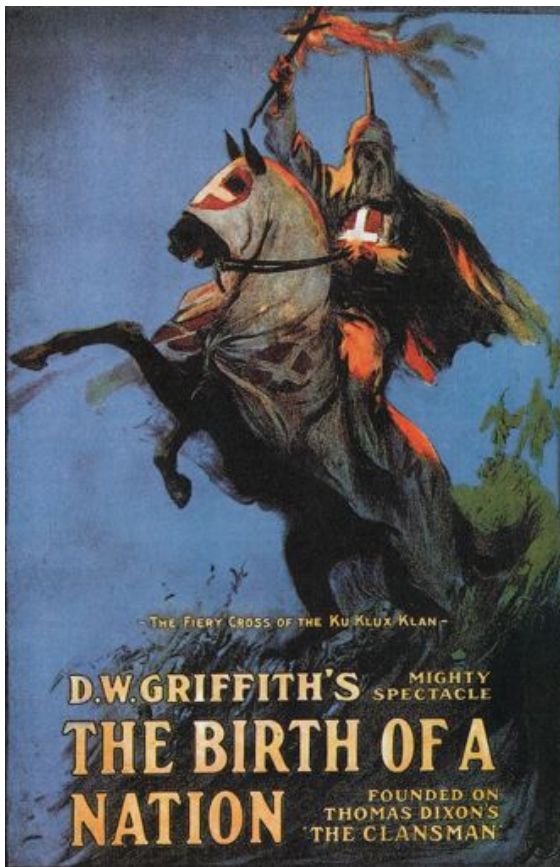


although started as a racist group (anti-black), in the 20's the KKK was also opposed to \_\_\_\_\_, Jews, pacifists, communists, internationalists, revolutionists, and bootleggers as well as gambling, adultery, and the use of birth control

basically, the KKK was pro-white Anglo-Saxon Protestant - "WASP"- and anti-everything else

KKK membership reached its peak during the 20's to about \_\_\_\_\_ members  
*total US population in 1920 was 106,021,537*

they used fear, intimidation, and \_\_\_\_\_ to gain and keep their power



\_\_\_\_\_ 1915 silent film  
directed by D. W. Griffith  
based on the novel and play  
*The Clansman*, by Thomas Dixon, Jr.

many Americans believed it was true, including \_\_\_\_\_!

*Birth of a Nation Excerpt*

## Americans Take to the Air



Planes were used a little in WWI - for spying, dog fighting each other, and bombing

After WWI planes were used for air mail - transcontinental airmail started from New York to San Francisco in 1920

in 1927



was the first person to fly solo across the Atlantic

his plane was called the

he flew from

in 33 1/2 hours



## Technology of the 1920s

### The Automobile Revolution



Henry Ford's \_\_\_\_\_ line produced a new car every 10 seconds by 1929, there were \_\_\_\_\_ registered cars

1 for every 4.9 people America (now it's 1 for every 3 people)

cars created 6 million new jobs: making cars and gas stations, roads, etc.







Ford's Model T and Model A cars were \_\_\_\_\_ for almost everyone (\$300 in 1925; average income \$1400/yr)

cars brought \_\_\_\_\_ to young people who "dated" in them

America began to reshape itself by spreading out into \_\_\_\_\_



## Some of the Many Other American Events and People of the Roaring 20s

**1920**

First Commercial Radio Broadcast Aired  
League of Nations Established  
Women Granted the Right to Vote in US

**1921**

Lie Detector Invented

**1922**

Insulin Discovered  
The Reader's Digest Published

**1923**

Time Magazine Founded

**1924**

First Olympic Winter Games  
J. Edgar Hoover Appointed FBI Director

**1925**

Flapper Dresses in Style  
The Scopes (Monkey) Trial

**1926**

A.A. Milne Publishes Winnie-the-Pooh  
Houdini Dies After Being Punched

**1927**

Babe Ruth Makes Home-Run Record  
The First Talking Movie, *The Jazz Singer*  
Lindbergh Flies Solo Across the Atlantic  
Sacco and Venzetti Executed

**1928**

Bubble Gum Invented  
First Mickey Mouse Cartoon  
First Oxford English Dictionary Published  
Kellogg-Briand Treaty Outlaws War  
Penicillin Discovered  
Sliced Bread Invented

**1929**

Car Radio Invented  
First Academy Awards  
The Great Depression Begins  
Stock Market Crashes