

Chapter #31: American Life in the "Roaring Twenties" – Big Picture Themes

1. A “red scare” struck America in the 20s. Fear of communism resonated through society and was fueled by mail bombings and illustrated by the Sacco and Vanzetti executions.
2. Anti-immigration ran high as well. Laws were passed to limit immigration, and specifically, to limit “New Immigrants” from Italy and Poland.
3. The “Scopes Monkey Trial” illustrated the new controversy of evolution vs. creation.
4. Businesses had a good run in the 20s and consumers bought products wildly, often on credit or with an installment plan.
5. Three Republican presidents were pro-business. The economy and consumers got to running too fast, and coupled with over-buying in the stock market, initiated the Stock Crash and Great Depression.

Chapter #31 Identifications

- Bolshevik Revolution
- red scare
- criminal syndicalism laws
- American Plan
- Ku Klux Klan
- Bible Belt
- Immigration Act of 1924
- Emergency Quota Act of 1921
- 18th Amendment
- Volstead Act
- racketeers
- Fundamentalism
- Scientific Management
- Fordism
- United Negro Improvement Association
- modernism
- “Lost Generation”
- Harlem Renaissance
- A. Mitchell Palmer
- Nicola Sacco
- Barotlomeo Vanzetti
- Horace Kallen
- Randolph Bourne
- Al Capone
- John T. Scopes
- Frederick W. Taylor
- Henry Ford
- Charles A. Lindbergh
- Sigmund Freud
- H.L. Mencken
- F. Scott Fitzgerald
- Ernest Hemingway
- T.S. Eliot
- William Faulkner
- Langston Hughes

Chapter #31 Guided Reading Questions

Seeing Red

Know: Billy Sunday, Red Scare, A. Mitchell Palmer, Sacco and Vanzetti

1. **Cite examples of actions taken in reaction to the perceived threat of radicals and communists during the red scare.**

Hooded Hoodlums of the KKK

2. Compare and contrast the new and old Ku Klux Klansmen.

Stemming the Foreign Flood

Know: Emergency Quota Act, Immigration Act

3. Describe the immigration laws passed in the 1920's.

The Prohibition "Experiment"

Know: Eighteenth Amendment, Volstead Act, Wet and Dry, Speakeasies, Home Brew, Bathtub Gin, Noble Experiment

4. How and why was the eighteenth amendment broken so frequently?

The Golden Age of Gangsterism

Know: Al Capone, St. Valentine's Day Massacre, Lindbergh Law

5. What was Gangsterism?

Monkey Business in Tennessee

Know: John Dewey, John T. Scopes, William Jennings Bryan, Clarence Darrow

- 6. Describe the clash of cultures that took place in schools in the 1920's.**

The Mass-Consumption Economy

Know: Andrew Mellon, The Man Nobody Knows, Babe Ruth, Jack Dempsey

- 7. Give evidence to prove that America became a mass-consumption economy in the 20's.**

Putting America on Rubber Tires

Know: Henry Ford, Frederick W. Taylor, Model T

- 8. What methods made it possible to mass-produce automobiles?**

The Advent of the Gasoline Age

- 10. What were the effects of the widespread adoption of the automobile?**

Humans Develop Wings

Know: Orville and Wilbur Wright, Charles Lindbergh

11. What effects did the early airplane have on America?

The Radio Revolution

12. How did America change as the result of the radio?

Hollywood's Filmland Fantasies

Know: *The Great Train Robbery*, *The Birth of a Nation*, *The Jazz Singer*

13. What were some milestones in the history of motion pictures?

The Dynamic Decade

Know: Margaret Sanger, Flappers, Sigmund Freud, Jelly Roll Morton, Langston Hughes, Marcus Garvey

**14. "Far-reaching changes in lifestyles and values paralleled the dramatic upsurge in the economy."
Explain.**

Cultural Liberation

Know: H. L. Mencken, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, Sinclair Lewis, William Faulkner, Ezra Pound, T. S. Eliot, e.e. cummings, Eugene O'Neill, Louis Armstrong, Frank Lloyd Wright

15. How did the arts of the 1920's reflect the times?

Wall Street's Big Bull Market

Know: Margin, Andrew Mellon

16. Was government economic policy successful in the 20's?