

The Roaring 1920s Study Guide

Directions: Answer the questions below in complete sentences. Use your notes, the website, and textbook to completely respond to the questions. The more detail, the better! Some questions require significantly more elaboration than others.

1. What caused the First Red Scare? What were some effects of it in the United States? Be sure to mention the Palmer Raids and Red Ark.
2. How was nativism present in the 1920s with respect to immigration? Explain one piece of legislation and how this led to a backlash against immigrants.
3. How did the Republican presidents of the 1920s represent a “Gilded Age 2.0” and laissez-faire principles? Mention three characteristics and explain them.
4. What did Harding mean by a “return to normalcy?” How did his administration become embroiled in corruption and graft?
5. Discuss Calvin Coolidge’s approach to government.
6. How did the rise of the automobile affect society? Be sure to mention the assembly line.
7. How was the standard of living impacted in the 1920s? How was this connected to installment plans and advertising? Which advertising techniques were used?
8. Explain the divide in cultural values between urban and rural areas. Use the Scopes Monkey Trial as an example to explain.
9. Who was responsible for the Prohibition amendment being passed? What were at least three reasons Prohibition failed?
10. What was the Harlem Renaissance? How was this connected to the idea of Black Pride? Be sure to mention Marcus Garvey.
11. How was jazz a unique form of music? Explain the significance of Duke Ellington and Louis Armstrong.
12. Which themes did art and poems represent during the Harlem Renaissance? Be sure to mention Langston Hughes.
13. How did women’s roles change in the 1920s? Focus on employment, leisure, and family planning.
14. How did the radio and movie impact culture? In addition, what role did sports heroes play?

Briefly define/explain the concept or person below:

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| - Sacco and Vanzetti | - Nativism | - 2 nd wave of KKK | - Teapot Dome |
| - NAACP | - Volstead Act | - Fundamentalism | - Speakeasies |
| - Flappers | - Margaret Sanger | - Lost Generation | - St. Valentine’s Massacre |