

Video Questions: America's Time—1920s

1. What happened in the first month of the new decade? 18TH AMENDMENT AND VOLSTEAD ACT ESTABLISHED THE PROHIBITION OF ALCOHOL USE IN AMERICA
2. How are the 20s described? ROARING 1920S WAS THE SCREAM OF THE MODERN FIGHTING THE OLD WAYS OF THINKING AND DOING
3. What was happening to boundaries? BOUNDARIES WERE BEING CROSSED, OLD WAYS WERE BEING SHATTERED; EXPERIENCE OF WORLD WAR ONE HAD AN IMPACT
4. What kind of culture was emerging in the 20s? A MODERN, URBAN CULTURE; PEOPLE IN SMALL TOWN AMERICA WERE RESISTANT TO THIS
5. What did it embrace? THE NEW, THE MODERN
6. What was happening in the 20s for the first time in US history? MORE PEOPLE WERE LIVING IN URBAN AREAS RATHER THAN SMALL TOWNS AND RURAL AREAS
7. What did Broadway represent? THE BEST IN AMERICAN ENTERTAINMENT
8. Madison Ave? THE WORLD OF ADVERTISING
9. Wall Street? THE NATIONAL BANKING AND INVESTMENT COMMUNITY
10. How much did the number of millionaires increase? 400%; THE UNEQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH WAS AS BAD AS IT IS NOW WITH A SMALL % OF PEOPLE OWNING MOST OF THE NATIONAL WEALTH
11. Who would serve the wealthy of the 20s? ALL KINDS OF SERVANTS: MAIDS, COOKS, CHAUFFEURS, ETC
12. What music influenced Gershwin? JAZZ, BLACK ARTISTS
13. Where was the capital of jazz? HARLEM, NEW YORK
14. Who were some of its performers? BESSIE SMITH, LOUIS ARMSTRONG, DUKE ELLINGTON
15. Why was Harlem important? IT HAD BECOME THE CENTER OF BLACK CULTURE, ARTS AND POLITICS
16. What idea was born in Harlem? THE "NEW NEGRO," ONE WHO WAS PROUD OF HIS/HER AFRICAN ROOTS
17. How did the "other America" live? AS IF IT WAS STILL THE 19TH CENTURY
18. How were the new technologies changing lives? ELECTRIC LIGHTING AND POWER REPLACING COAL HEATING AND GAS LAMPS, NEW APPLIANCES
19. What would give Americans a sense of autonomy and freedom? AUTOMOBILES
20. What was the government doing by mid-decade? SPENDING \$1 BILLION A YEAR ON ROADS, BRIDGES, TUNNELS, ETC
21. What transformed the physical landscape? BILLBOARDS PROMOTING CONSUMER PRODUCTS
22. What brand new consumer concept also came? CONSUMER CREDIT TO BUY CARS, APPLIANCES, HOUSES, ETC
23. What became the order of the day? BUY NOW, PAY LATER, INSTALLMENT PLANS, CREDIT HELPED FUEL THE APPARENT PROSPERITY OF THE DECADE (AS IT IS TRUE TODAY AS WELL)
24. What item would be desired most? A RADIO
25. When did it begin? 1920 IN PITTSBURGH
26. What would it become? A NATIONWIDE PHENOMENON, CREATING A SHARED NATIONAL EXPERIENCE OF COMMON MUSIC AND NEWS
27. Why were women's lives changing? CAREERS WERE OPENING UP
28. What happened in the 1920s? ALL WOMEN NOW HAD THE RIGHT TO VOTE
29. How had women's lives changed? NO LONGER EXPECTED TO SIMPLY SERVE THEIR FAMILIES AND HUSBANDS, SOME WOMEN NOW HAD INDEPENDENCE AND SPENDING MONEY, LIVE FOR THEMSELVES
30. What was a lot of 20s culture about? SMASHING BARRIERS AND PROHIBITIONS
31. What were the more daring women called? FLAPPERS AND VAMPS, NEW WOMEN'S FASHIONS
32. What activities sifted down from cities like NY or Chicago? SMOKING, DRINKING, CURSING
33. How did many people in small towns view city life? AS SINFUL, A THREAT TO THEIR VALUES
34. What happened in Dayton TN in 1925? THE SCOPES TRIAL, EVOLUTION WAS ILLEGAL IN THE CLASSROOM
35. Who were the key players? SCOPES WAS A SCIENCE TEACHER, CLARENCE DARROW WAS HIRED BY THE ACLU TO DEFEND SCOPES, WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN WAS BROUGHT IN TO PROSECUTE
36. What eventually happened? SCOPES WAS FOUND GUILTY AND FINED \$100, LATER OVERTURNED BY A TECHNICALITY, PUBLIC OPINION EVENTUALLY CHANGED THE LAWS ABOUT EVOLUTION
37. What did it represent? TRADITIONAL/RELIGIOUS VALUES VS. MODERN SCIENCE

38. Why were many people unsettled by the pace of change? THEY WANTED TO LIVE THE LIVES OF THEIR GRANDPARENTS BUT ALSO ENJOY THE COMFORTS AND CONVENIENCES OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES
39. Where is hatred directed? AGAINST IMMIGRANTS AND BLACKS
40. What do many citizens of the South do? JOIN OR SUPPORT THE KLAN
41. What happened to 200 (MOSTLY BLACK) people in the 20s? LYNCHED
42. What was the organization capable of doing? TAKING POLITICAL CONTROL OF SEVEN STATES, PORTRAYING ITSELF AS A PATRIOTIC CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATION PROMOTING ALL-AMERICAN VALUES, NEARLY 5 MILLION PEOPLE ARE MEMBERS
43. What did 50,000 of its members do? MARCH IN WASHINGTON DC WRAPPING ITSELF IN THE FLAG
44. What happens because of a hunger for heroes? SPECTATOR SPORTS BECOMES IMPORTANT
45. Who became household names? BASEBALL PLAYERS
46. Who was the most famous? BABE RUTH, HIS RECORDS WOULD STAND FOR DECADES
47. What was the "Spirit of St Louis?" PLANE FLOWN SOLO BY CHARLES LINDBERGH OVER THE ATLANTIC OCEAN IN 34 HOURS, HE WOULD BE THE MOST FAMOUS PERSON OF HIS TIME
48. What did Admiral Byrd do? FIRST TO FLY OVER THE SOUTH POLE (THE END OF THE EARTH)
49. What did President Hoover promise? GOOD TIMES, BLUE SKIES, A CONTINUANCE OF PROSPERITY; THE DECADE HAD BEEN ONE SHAPED BY REPUBLICAN PARTY POLITICS OF HARDING, COOLIDGE AND HOOVER
50. How was playing the stock market different than today? INVESTORS COULD USE CREDIT TO BUY STOCK, BUYING ON-MARGIN FROM THEIR BROKER
51. What happened on October 29, 1929? IT ALL CAME TO AN END WITH THE STOCK MARKET CRASH, OVER \$30 BILLION OF STOCK VALUE DISAPPEARED ALMOST OVERNIGHT