

USA – 1920s Knowledge test

- 1 What is meant by isolationism? (1)
- 2 Name three countries who owed a great deal of money to the USA from WW1? (3)
- 3 Why were the USA able to take over many of the European countries trading markets? (1)
- 4 Name two raw materials which the USA was rich in at the time. (2)
- 5 What is meant by mass production? (1)
- 6 What is an assembly line? (1)
- 7 Explain the Republican government policy of Laissez Faire. (2)
- 8 What were tariffs? (1)
- 9 Which tariff was brought in during 1922 to help boost American businesses? (1)
- 10 What were the long term consequences of such a policy? (1)
- 11 Explain what is meant by Hire Purchase. (2)
- 12 Why did this have potentially damaging effects for Americans in the long term? (2)
- 13 Give an example of a labour saving consumer good. (1)
- 14 What happened to the prices of goods from 1920-1929? (1)
- 15 And what happened to wages over the same period? (1)
- 16 This meant that for the average American, they had _____ money to spend, and more _____ to spend it.
- 17 Other than cars, give an example of a new industry. (1)
- 18 Explain three ways in which companies advertised their products. (3)
- 19 What is meant by disposable income? (1)
- 20 Name three new ways in which American people spent money on entertainment. (3)
- 21 Other than musically, why did Jazz become so popular? (1)
- 22 Name one of the new dance crazes which became popular in the 1920s. (1)
- 23 Where in America were most films made during the 1920s? (1)
- 24 Name one famous film star of the time. (1)
- 25 Complete the following: One _____ of the nation's wealth was owned by _____% of the population. (2)
- 26 Who were WASPs? (1)
- 27 Explain what is meant by the term 'open door policy'. (1)
- 28 What word, beginning with Q was brought in to change the policy? (1)
- 29 Explain what was required by the Immigration law of 1917. (1)
- 30 Which act was brought in during 1921 to control the number of immigrants from certain countries? (1)
- 31 Which act was brought in during 1924 to further this? (1)
- 32 Which continent could provide no more immigrants after 1929? (1)
- 33 What was the Red Scare? (2)
- 34 What were the Palmer Raids? (1)
- 35 What happened in the Sacco and Vanzetti case? (2)
- 36 Give three ways in which Blacks were discriminated against in the Southern States. (3)
- 37 Explain what the KKK did and why they managed to get away with it. (2)
- 38 How large was the membership of the KKK by 1924? (1)
- 39 Name two groups, other than blacks, which they targeted. (2)
- 40 Between 1919 and 1925, how many blacks were killed by lynching? (1)
- 41 What percentage of Blacks moved north during the great migration? (1)
- 42 Explain two ways in which they were still discriminated against after the move. (2)
- 43 What did the NAACP do? (1)
- 44 Who was leader of the UNIA? (1)
- 45 Harlem is a ghetto in which city? (1)
- 46 Name two Black people who gained fame due to the Harlem Renaissance. (2)
- 47 Which act brought Prohibition into being in the USA in 1920? (1)

- 48 Give two reasons why Prohibition was introduced. (2)
- 49 Who supported Prohibition, wets or dries? (1)
- 50 What was the name of a bar which sold illegal alcohol? (1)
- 51 The process of smuggling alcohol into the USA was called what? (1)
- 52 Why was Prohibition so difficult to police? (2)
- 53 What was homemade alcoholic drink known as? (1)
- 54 Which people soon came to control illegal alcohol? (1)
- 55 Who controlled it in Chicago? (1)
- 56 How was he able to overcome:
the police? (2)
rivals? (2)
public opinion? (2)
- 57 How many men were killed in the St Valentine's Day massacre? (1)
- 58 How did flappers differ from the traditional idea of how women should act? (4)
- 59 What showed that women could do the same jobs as men? (1)
- 60 Why did the divorce rate rise during the 1920s? (1)
- 61 What was the Anti-Flirt Association? (1)
- 62 What percentage of American females were actually working by 1929? (1)
- 63 Even if they were working, how could they be discriminated against? (2)
- 64 What is meant by speculation? (1)
- 65 Explain three long term causes, other than speculation, of the Wall Street Crash. (3)
- 66 Why did the Republicans believe in low taxation for people throughout the 1920s? (1)
- 67 What was to be gained for people who bought shares? (1)
- 68 What was the effect for companies? (1)
- 69 Name three other types of businesses which benefitted from the increase in car production. (3)
- 70 Farm income dropped from \$_____bn to \$_____bn in the 1920s. (2)
- 71 Name three 'old' industries which did not benefit from the boom. (3)
- 72 Name two groups of people in the US who were more likely to be unemployed. (2)
- 73 Name two sports which gained in popularity in the 1920s. (2)