

History Year 9 Term 2.1



I Question

- I can question whether the 1920s were truly roaring for all Americans or just some groups
- I can explore why economic prosperity did not benefit everyone equally in American society.
- I can investigate how the American Dream was experienced differently based on race, gender, class and location.
- I can ask why a period of such wealth and growth ended in economic disaster with the Wall Street Crash



I Evaluate

- I can assess how far different groups benefited from the consumer boom using historical evidence
- I can judge which factor was most important in causing the economic boom (mass production, technology, government policy)
- I can evaluate the usefulness of sources like advertisements and statistics for understanding 1920s society.
- I can reach balanced judgements about whether social changes in the 1920s represented real progress.



I Explain

- I can explain the causes of the economic boom using factors like mass production, consumerism and Republican policies
- I can describe the consequences of new technologies like the assembly line on American workers and consumers
- I can explain why African Americans, farmers and rural workers experienced inequality despite national prosperity.
- I can describe how economic weaknesses like over production and speculation led to Wall Street Crash of 1929.



I Compare

- I can compare the experiences of urban Americans and rural farmers during the 1920s boom
- I can contrast the lives of “winners” and “losers” of the decade
- I can compare life for African Americans in the North versus the Jim Crow South
- I can compare different perspectives on the 1920s prosperity using primary and secondary sources.

I READ

1920s consumer advertisements promoting new products
Harlem renaissance literature and art
Economic statistics on production, wages and stock market prices.
Accounts on segregation and the KKK
Newspaper reports on the Wall Street Crash
Historical interpretations on inequality and the American Dream

I LEARN

1. Causes and features of the 1920s economic boom in America.
2. How different groups experienced inequality during the “Roaring Twenties”
3. Social and cultural changes including changing roles for women and African Americans.
4. The weaknesses in the economy and causes of the 1929 Wall Street Crash.
5. How to construct balanced historical arguments using evidence.