

## POST-WWI/ 1920'S/ PROHIBITION NOTES

### Domestic Consequences of World War I

- \* accelerated America's emergence as the world's greatest industrial power
- \* intensified anti-immigrant & anti-radical sentiments among mainstream Americans
- \* brought over one million women into the workforce
- \* contributed to the movement of African Americans to Northern cities

### \*Return to Isolationism

Horrors of WWI – trench warfare, machine guns, mustard gas, death toll

1918 Flu Pandemic – 500,000 die in US & mostly hits the young – soldiers brought flu home, but also blamed on immigrants

**HOW DOES THE DEATH TOLL FROM WAR & THE FLU PANDEMIC CONTRIBUTE TO THE BEHAVIOR/ATTITUDES IN THE 1920'S?** – carefree, you only live once attitude & reckless behavior of the 1920's

### Clash Between Old & New

- culture (KKK, immigration)
- religion (Scopes Trial)
- women's lifestyles
- technology/inventions
- spending
- cultural homogenization

### 1920's Economy

<u>Bypassed</u>	<u>Prospered</u>
Farmers	Business (laissez-faire)
Labor	Coolidge
African Americans	
Native Americans	

Prohibition – making, selling or transporting of alcohol prohibited – 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment (21<sup>st</sup> Amendment repeals it)

-speakeasies, bootlegging, types pushing for it?

Effects of Prohibition

- disrespect for law developed, lawlessness
- criminals found new source of income
- organized crime increased – Al Capone

WHY DID PROHIBITION FAIL? What happened when the government legislates moral values? Current Example?