

Year 9 HISTORY KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER: USA 1920s and 30s

Key Terms		OVERVIEW	
US Constitution	The document that sets out rules of how USA is governed	<p>The 1920s is often seen as the roaring Twenties, a time of economic prosperity and social change. Mass production helped create jobs & produce inexpensive consumer goods which improved the standard of living for 60% of Americans. However, The 1920s had its negative side. Prohibition led to organised crime and racism & prejudice were rife. About 40% of the population did not share in this prosperity & over production and gambling on the stock market led to the Wall Street Crash in 1929</p> <p>The 1930s was a period of economic hardship & high unemployment often known as Great Depression. President Roosevelt tried to solve this with his 'New Deal' programme</p>	
Bill of Rights	Set of rights that all Americans have		
Congress	US Parliament (Split into Senate and House of Representatives)		
Immigration	40 million people moved to America between 1850 - 1919		
Isolationism	Keeping USA out of League of Nations & world affairs		
The American Dream	The belief that a poor immigrant can work hard and become rich in the USA		
Immigration Quota Act	Immigration limited to 350,000 per year. Later cut to 150,000	<p>USA Presidents 1913-1945</p> <p>Woodrow Wilson - Democratic president: 1913-19</p> <p>Warren Harding – republican president – 1921-1923</p> <p>Calvin Coolidge – Republican President 1923-1929</p> <p>Herbert Hoover – Republican president 1929-1933</p> <p>Franklin D Roosevelt – democratic president 1933-1945</p>	
Mass Production	Making lots of products quicker to decrease the cost		
Standardisation	Interchangeable parts & making every product the same makes production more efficient		
Laissez Faire	'Leave alone' economic theory that government should keep out of business	Charlie Chaplin, Rudolf Valentino, Clara Bow	Examples of Hollywood stars
Tariff	Tax on foreign imports – made them more expensive	Henry Ford	Founder of the Ford motor company and innovator of mass production
Cycle of prosperity	Idea that low prices & high employment stimulates economy	Charles Lindberg	American Pilot who became a huge celebrity when he became the first man to fly solo across the Atlantic
Prohibition	Banning the sale of alcohol	Al Capone	The most famous gangster of the 1920s
Wall Street Crash	29 th October 1929: Collapse of share price in the US stock market	John Scopes	Biology teacher who was prosecuted when he taught evolution in a Tennessee school
The Great Depression	Period of high unemployment during the 1930s	Saco and Vanzetti	Two foreign communists wrongly convicted of murder and executed
The New Deal	President Roosevelt's attempt to solve the Great Depression	Flappers	Name given to young fashionable women in the 1920s
Hoovervilles	Shanty towns set up by the homeless	Babe Ruth	Hugely popular baseball star of the 1920s and 1930s
		Joe Louis	Black American who became world heavyweight boxing champion 1937 - 1949