

## 1920s Society Notes

### The Red Scare & the Palmer Raids

After World War 1, why did Americans distrust foreigners?

What factors led to the US government's efforts to root out anarchists in the 1920s?

What was the "Red Scare" Why was communism perceived to be a threat in America?

What were the Palmer Raids? Who led them?

### Nativism and the Ku Klux Klan

Who were Sacco and Vanzetti? Why was their trial and execution controversial?

Why did Nativism gain momentum after World War 1?

What did the Emergency Quota Act establish? What was its purpose?

How did the revival of Nativism revitalize the Ku Klux Klan in America?

Why did the Ku Klux Klan target immigrants in the 1920s?

### Prohibition and the 18th Amendment

What did the 18th Amendment declare? What was still legal after its ratification?

Why was the Volstead Act passed? What did it establish and what was its goal?

Why was prohibition so difficult to enforce in the United States?

List and describe 3 ways that Americans broke the law to make, consume, or transport alcohol in the 1920s.

Why did organized crime develop as a result of prohibition? How did powerful crime bosses gain and keep control of the market in major American cities?

### The Scopes Trial and Fundamentalism

What is Christian Fundamentalism? What did fundamentalists resist in the 1920s?

Why did fundamentalists attack the theory of evolution in the 1920s?

Why was John Scopes put on trial in Tennessee in the mid 1920s?

Who represented Scopes during his trial? Who served as the prosecutor? What was the verdict of the trial?

What did the Scopes trial come to represent in America in the 1920s?