

# CRASH COURSE: U.S. History

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## TIME-STAMPED EPISODE 32: THE ROARING TWENTIES

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### TRUE OR FALSE:

- \_\_\_ 1. The 1920s can be summarized as an exciting time that ended in an economic disaster. (0:23)
- \_\_\_ 2. According to 1920s president Calvin Coolidge, the main business of the American people was business itself. (1:08)
- \_\_\_ 3. “Laissez-faire” capitalism generally refers to heavy government regulation of industry and the workplace. (1:19)
- \_\_\_ 4. During the 1920s, the presidency was dominated by conservative Republicans; policies enacted included lowering income taxes and trying to undermine union power. (1:39)
- \_\_\_ 5. Conservative economic policies produced good results in the short run. (1:53)
- \_\_\_ 6. President Harding’s administration is best known for the way officials under him resisted corruption. (2:20)
- \_\_\_ 7. The 1920s saw an increase in consumer goods. For example, by the end of the decade, about 50% of American families owned a car. (2:54)
- \_\_\_ 8. During the 1920s, the American economy became a dominant force overseas, with the dollar becoming the most important currency being used in world trade. (3:16)
- \_\_\_ 9. The most important form of leisure enjoyed during the 1920s was listening to the radio. (3:54)
- \_\_\_ 10. Using credit was frowned upon during this decade because it struck people as irresponsible and un-businesslike. (4:35)
- \_\_\_ 11. Charles Lindbergh became the largest celebrity of the 1920s due to the dozens of popular silent comedy movies he made. (5:05)
- \_\_\_ 12. A number of now-famous American authors lived in Europe at this time; collectively, they came to be known as the “Lost Generation.” (5:18)
- \_\_\_ 13. During the 1920s, conditions for African Americans in the South improved greatly – enough so that the Great Migration northward finally halted. (5:27)
- \_\_\_ 14. Claude McKay was a poet of the Harlem Renaissance, which was a celebration of African American culture and experience. (6:34)
- \_\_\_ 15. Flappers were old women who complained loudly about the cultural changes taking place during the 1920s. (6:40)
- \_\_\_ 16. The economic gains of the decade were distributed fairly evenly throughout the population. (7:36)
- \_\_\_ 17. Farmers began to experience the Great Depression years before it officially began, with their incomes falling and many losing their property when they couldn’t pay back their loans. (8:50)
- \_\_\_ 18. The Supreme Court in the ‘20s issued decisions that began to support a broader view of free speech. (9:29)
- \_\_\_ 19. The Ku Klux Klan had a resurgence in the 1920s, complaining not only about African Americans, but also about Jews, Catholics, and immigrants. (9:51)
- \_\_\_ 20. Because growing industries needed workers, the 1920s were also a time when Americans welcomed immigration to U.S. shores. (10:50)
- \_\_\_ 21. John Scopes was a Tennessee science teacher put on trial for his refusal to teach his students the theory of evolution. (11:27)
- \_\_\_ 22. In hindsight, the Roaring Twenties can be seen as a time of profound contradictions in American society and culture. (12:31)