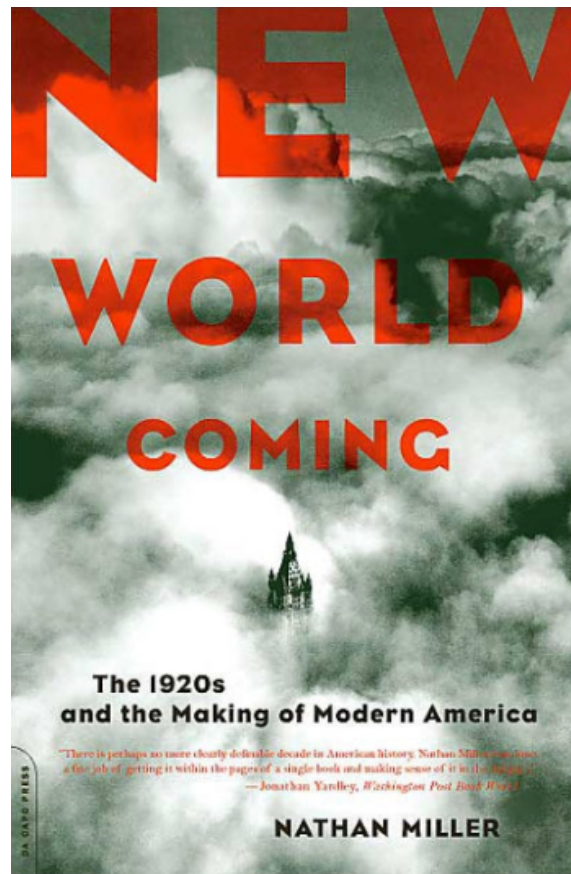




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## Part I: General Knowledge

### The Roar of the 1920s and Their Echo Through Time

(1 point each)

- The \_\_\_\_\_ was founded in Oberlin, Ohio in 1893. By focusing solely on a single issue and effectively using pressure politics, it became one of the most effective lobbying organizations of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.
  - American Civil Liberties Union
  - Anti-Saloon League
  - Anti-Evolution League
  - Women's Christian Temperance Union
- The Teapot Dome Scandal centered around the government giving access to oil reserves in the states of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Texas and Alaska
  - Wyoming and California
  - Montana and New Mexico
  - Nevada and Oklahoma
- In 1920, \_\_\_\_\_ learned French and was accepted at the Caudron Brothers School of Aviation in Le Crotoy, France. The founder of the *Chicago Defender* helped with her tuition and on June 15, 1921, she became the first American woman to obtain an international pilot's license from the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale.
  - Amelia Earhart
  - Bessie Coleman
  - Zora Neale Hurston
  - C. J. Walker
- Author \_\_\_\_\_ had success in the 1920s with his writings about other races threatening "Nordic" dominance of the world. He advocated strict limits on immigration to the U.S. and his 1922 book, *The Revolt Against Civilization* coined the term "under-man" which would be further popularized in Nazi propaganda.
  - Edward Clarke
  - Lothrop Stoddard
  - V. S. McClatchy
  - D. W. Griffith

5. \_\_\_\_\_, which premiered on October 6, 1927, was the first full-length feature film to have a sound track that included dialogue in parts of the film. It launched the takeover of “talkies” in cinema and by 1928 films were released featuring all of the dialogue recorded.
- A. *The Man Nobody Knows*  
B. *Main Street*  
C. *The Jazz Singer*  
D. *Shuffle Along*
6. The League of Nations was initially designed with a Supreme Council that would include elected member nations along with five permanent members that consisted of Great Britain, France, Italy, the United States, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Germany  
B. Russia  
C. Japan  
D. China
7. \_\_\_\_\_ was born in Pennsylvania, but became an avant-garde American writer, eccentric and self-styled genius whose Paris home was a gathering place for the leading artists and writers of the period between the World Wars.
- A. H. L. Mencken  
B. Henry Luce  
C. Gertrude Stein  
D. Dorothy Parker
8. The term “teen-ager” was first used at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, but didn’t become widely used until after World War II. The emergence of this distinct social group was due most significantly to the increase in compulsory education as well as the independence provided by the \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. end of World War I  
B. first child labor laws  
C. 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment  
D. use of automobiles
9. John Harvey Kellogg was one of the most famous wellness and nutrition promoters in U.S. history. His sanitarium that hosted numerous well-known guests over the years was originally founded in 1876 in \_\_\_\_\_. His use of corn flakes and granola as breakfast foods led to the city becoming the eventual homes of both the Post and Kellogg cereal companies.
- A. St. Louis, Missouri  
B. Gary, Indiana  
C. Battle Creek, Michigan  
D. Cincinnati, Ohio

10. Despite being well-known for his abilities in administration and being appointed to such offices as Secretary of Commerce, \_\_\_\_\_ had never been elected to public office before running for president of the United States.
- A. Calvin Coolidge  
B. Herbert Hoover  
C. Woodrow Wilson  
D. Warren G. Harding
11. *The Birth of a Nation* was a landmark silent film, released in 1915, that was the first blockbuster Hollywood hit. It has long been hailed for its technical and dramatic innovations, but condemned for the racism inherent in the script and its positive portrayal of the Ku Klux Klan derived from its source material, the novel \_\_\_\_\_ by Thomas Dixon
- A. *Civilization*  
B. *Intolerance*  
C. *The Clansman*  
D. *The Rising Tide of Color*
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ classified the crime it focused on as a federal felony, giving U.S. authorities powers to enforce punishments on participants and officials who failed to protect victims. The bill passed the House 230-199 in 1922 and had the support of President Warren G. Harding, but was repeatedly filibustered in the Senate. No such legislation was passed until 2022.
- A. Increased Penalties Act  
B. Volstead Act  
C. Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill  
D. Women’s Protection Bill
13. The husband-and-wife team of Helen and Robert Lynd collaborated on the Middletown studies, which were some of the first to apply cultural anthropology methods to the study of a modern Western city. The city they chose to represent the “typical” U.S. city, which they called Middletown, was actually \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Muncie, Indiana  
B. Lawrence, Kansas  
C. Poughkeepsie, New York  
D. Peoria, Illinois
14. The Southern Publicity Association had clients such as the Anti-Saloon League, the Red Cross, and, most famously, the Ku Klux Klan. The firm was owned and operated by \_\_\_\_\_ and her partner. Within six months of working with the then floundering Klan, 85,000 new members had been recruited.
- A. Francis Galton  
B. Miriam Ferguson  
C. Lois Long  
D. Elizabeth Tyler

15. In 1890, the WCTU established a Department of Scientific Temperance Instruction and named \_\_\_\_\_ the national superintendent. She created a system of instruction and sought legislation to make temperance instruction mandatory in public schools. By 1901, every state had laws requiring it.
- A. Frances Willard  
 B. Pauline Sabine  
 C. Caroline Nation  
 D. Mary Hanchett Hunt
16. The second Ku Klux Klan was organized in 1915 near Stone Mountain, Georgia, by “Colonel” \_\_\_\_\_, a preacher and member of numerous fraternal orders, who had been inspired by D.W. Griffith’s film *The Birth of a Nation*.
- A. William Simmons  
 B. D. C. Stephenson  
 C. Hiram Evans  
 D. Edward Clarke
17. A legal brief in which data, historical experience, and expert opinions are used to support legal propositions is named for the eventual Woodrow Wilson Supreme Court appointee, \_\_\_\_\_ who first used such a brief in the case of *Muller v. Oregon* in 1908.
- A. George Remus  
 B. Clarence Darrow  
 C. Mabel Willebrandt  
 D. Louis Brandeis
18. Nellie Tayloe Ross was the first woman in the United States to serve as governor of a state and the first woman to direct the U.S. Mint. She was elected governor of \_\_\_\_\_ in 1924, succeeding her husband who died just prior to the election.
- A. Texas  
 B. New Jersey  
 C. California  
 D. Wyoming

- Studied anthropology under Franz Boas at Barnard College
- Wrote the novels *Jonah’s Gourd Vine* and *Their Eyes Were Watching God*
- Was part of the faculty at what is now North Carolina Central University
- Was known for exploring and writing folklore of Blacks in the rural South

19. All of the above statements describe \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Langston Hughes  
 B. Zora Neale Hurston  
 C. Claude McKay  
 D. Alice Walker

20. In the election of \_\_\_\_\_, the Republican presidential candidates included General Leonard Wood, Illinois Governor Frank O. Lowden, and California Senator Hiram Johnson. At the deadlocked National Convention, held in Chicago, reports claimed party leaders met in a smoke-filled room at the Blackstone Hotel to select a compromise candidate from Ohio.
- A. 1924  
B. 1932  
C. 1928  
D. 1920

**Part II: Primary Source Material**

***New World Coming: The 1920s and the Making of Modern America* by Nathan Miller**

**(2 points each)**

*“The balloting droned on for two weeks...with neither Smith nor McAdoo able to cobble together the 732 votes needed.... ‘This thing has got to end,’ Will Rogers wearily observed... ‘New York invited you people here as guests, not to live.’ The McAdoo delegates attacked Smith’s religion and his stand against Prohibition, while the galleries...packed with Smith supporters...screamed “Oil! Oil! Oil! At every mention of McAdoo’s name.”*

21. The excerpt above describes the Democratic National Convention in \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. 1924  
B. 1920  
C. 1932  
D. 1928
22. At the Democratic National Convention in 1932, \_\_\_\_\_ broke with tradition and immediately boarded a plane to fly to the convention and accept the nomination in person, without waiting for the usual formal notice.
- A. Al Smith  
B. John W. Davis  
C. Franklin Roosevelt  
D. James M. Cox
23. In 1920, F. Scott Fitzgerald’s \_\_\_\_\_ was published and was his most financially successful work. It sold about 50,000 copies compared to nearly a million copies of *The Re-Creation of Brian Kent* with its religious tones written by Harold Bell Wright that same year.
- A. *The Great Gatsby*  
B. *The Beautiful and Damned*  
C. *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*  
D. *This Side of Paradise*

24. “Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ genius for inactivity is developed to a very high point,” wrote Walter Lippmann. He was well known for delegating responsibilities and instructed his cabinet, “there are many things you...must not tell me.” He reportedly slept nine hours each night and enjoyed a two-hour nap each afternoon.
- A. Harding’s  
B. Coolidge’s  
C. Wilson’s  
D. Roosevelt’s
25. In May 1926, \_\_\_\_\_ went swimming off Venice Beach, near Los Angeles, and disappeared. She was presumed to have drowned. Many admirers searched for her. One diver died of exposure, a girl committed suicide, and a man flung himself into the sea, crying, “I’m going after her!”
- A. Mary Pickford  
B. Clara Bow  
C. Aimee Semple McPherson  
D. Anne Morrow Lindbergh
26. Though his organization did not survive long after he was imprisoned, the *Amsterdam News* prophetically observed that his influence would be felt in the future, stating, “\_\_\_\_\_ made black people proud of their race. In a world where black is despised, he taught them that black is beautiful.”
- A. W. E. B. DuBois  
B. A. Philip Randolph  
C. Marcus Garvey  
D. William Monroe Trotter
27. \_\_\_\_\_ vigorously opposed all attempts to silence free speech, even for those with who he was in complete disagreement. He believed the defense of free speech required vigilance because, “the American people really detest free speech. At the slightest alarm, they are ready and eager to put it down.”
- A. Clarence Darrow  
B. Ernest Hemingway  
C. William Randolph Hearst  
D. H. L. Mencken
28. Due to the rise of the automobile, the conversion of the world’s navies to oil and the Rockefeller’s and others seeking new oilfields, the Senate was pressed to ratify a treaty to make amends with \_\_\_\_\_. The treaty would send \$25 million to make amends for Theodore Roosevelt engineering the independence of Panama in 1903.
- A. Colombia  
B. Panama  
C. Venezuela  
D. Brazil

29. At the height of his influence in 1928, \_\_\_\_\_ commanded a utilities empire valued at \$3 billion which produced one eighth of all the electricity and natural gas consumed in the United States.

- A. Samuel Insull
- B. Edward Doheny
- C. Harry Sinclair
- D. Thomas Edison

30. As an admirer of Madison Grant's *The Passing of a Great Race*, Albert Johnson built his political career on blatant appeals to the anti-Japanese prejudices of his constituents. He was primarily responsible for the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Undesirable Aliens Act of 1929
- B. National Origins Act of 1924
- C. Emergency Quota Act of 1921
- D. Immigration Act of 1917

31. President \_\_\_\_\_ was the first chief executive to visit Alaska. On the return trip, he also became the first president to visit Canada.

- A. Warren Harding
- B. Woodrow Wilson
- C. Theodore Roosevelt
- D. Franklin Roosevelt

*“He has the power to strike at every error and wrongdoing that makes his adversaries quail before him. He has a personality that carries to every hearer not only the sincerity but the righteousness of what he says. He is the Happy Warrior of the political battlefield.”*

32. The quote above is from Franklin Roosevelt's nominating speech for \_\_\_\_\_ at the Democratic National Convention in 1924.

- A. James M. Cox
- B. Woodrow Wilson
- C. Al Smith
- D. John W. Davis

33. Between 1919 and 1928, some four thousand public utilities were folded into \_\_\_\_\_ companies. Unlike operating companies which made actual products or performed services, these companies consisted of little more than the lawyer's office that housed its records. One building in Delaware housed ten thousand such companies on a single floor.

- A. stock
- B. trading
- C. holding
- D. private



34. The U.S. had one of the highest divorce rates in the world. In 1927, the \_\_\_\_\_ legislature decided to reduce the six month residency requirement for obtaining a divorce down to three. The governor signed the bill, “thus assuring that his state did not lose the revenue from one of its chief industries.”
- A. California  
B. Nevada  
C. New Jersey  
D. Florida
35. According to *New World Coming*, the publication of Sinclair Lewis’s best-selling novel \_\_\_\_\_ ranks with that of *Uncle Tom’s Cabin* as one of the few literary events with a profound political or social fallout, for it established a new way of looking at small-town America.
- A. *Our Town*  
B. *Babbitt*  
C. *Main Street*  
D. *Elmer Gantry*

**Part III: Supplemental Readings**  
(3 points each)

“I would ask for recognition of the \_\_\_\_\_’s contribution to the agricultural and industrial expansion of western United States...From Denver to Los Angeles and from the Imperial Valley to Portland, it is said, an empire has been created largely by the brawn of [those] who laid the rails and topped the beets and poured the cubic miles of cement...If it is true that [they] ...brought to you arms that have fastened a civilization on the Pacific slope, then give him his due.”

36. The excerpt above from the *Proceedings of the National Conference of Social Work* in 1929 refers to the contributions of \_\_\_\_\_ immigrants in the United States.
- A. Chinese  
B. Japanese  
C. Italian  
D. Mexican
37. President Hoover summarized his news conference on November 5, 1929 by saying that the country experienced a crisis in the stock market, but for the first time in history the crisis \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. was ended by the actions of responsible individual investors  
B. will continue to impact the country for some time  
C. required an immediate response by the executive branch  
D. has not extended into other parts of the economy

38. The Volstead Act required that a person found guilty of violating the law by manufacturing or selling illegal liquor could not be fined more than \_\_\_\_\_ for their first offense and no more than double that amount for subsequent offenses.
- A. \$10  
B. \$100  
C. \$1,000  
D. \$10,000
39. In 1920, Warren Harding spoke to the Home Market Club of Boston calling for “not heroics, but healing; not nostrums, but normalcy” and that the world needed to be reminded that all human ills are not curable by \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. legislation  
B. war  
C. social movements  
D. fraternal organizations
40. In his 1925 “Address to the American Society of Newspaper Editors,” President Coolidge declared “that a press which maintains an intimate touch with the \_\_\_\_\_ currents of the nation, is likely to be more reliable than it would be if it were a stranger to these influences.”
- A. business  
B. social  
C. political  
D. religious
41. A. Mitchell Palmer stated in “The Case Against the Reds” that Bolshevism had “looted Russia,” “by stealing, murder, and lies.” He also claimed that a small clique from \_\_\_\_\_ was responsible for these actions.
- A. Europe’s Jewish ghettos  
B. the East Side of New York  
C. the slums of Slavic cities  
D. Russia’s anarchist elements
42. According to Representative Richmond P. Hobson, alcohol had a degenerative effect on “the Red” and “the Black Man,” and “the effect is the same on the white man,” but it takes longer to affect them to the same degree because the white man \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. knows how to limit consumption  
B. was further evolved  
C. has religion to guide them  
D. is protected by a solid family

43. While campaigning in 1928 Herbert Hoover stated that over the previous two presidential terms, the Republican Party had decreased the fear of \_\_\_\_\_ for the people of the United States.
- A. old age, poverty, and unemployment
  - B. communism, socialism, and anarchy
  - C. war, overseas influence, and internationalism
  - D. crime, immigration, and government overreach
44. Ellen Welles Page proclaims \_\_\_\_\_ to be “the badge of flapperhood.”
- A. fringed skirts
  - B. plucked eyebrows
  - C. an automobile
  - D. bobbed hair
45. Anti-immigrant organizations such as the Klan in \_\_\_\_\_ sought to limit the ability of Catholics to operate schools by amending its compulsory attendance statute to require attendance at public schools. Two organizations running private schools challenged the law and the case eventually was decided by the Supreme Court in 1925 as *Pierce v. Society of Sisters*.
- A. Indiana
  - B. Alabama
  - C. Oregon
  - D. Louisiana

**ESSAY PROMPT:**

NOTE: Contestants who do not write an essay will be disqualified. Any essay that does not demonstrate a sincere effort to discuss the assigned topic will be disqualified. The rankings of essays will be based primarily on how well the topic has been addressed. A focused, concise and specific essay beats a vague and rambling essay. Proper grammar and organization should be used to aid clarity, but should not be considered a major factor in scoring. Cover as many corners of the issue as practical. Avoid including personal editorialized opinions, as more than enough information on the subject has been published.

*“The mythic Scopes legend remained constant from Only Yesterday through post-World War II history textbooks to Inherit the Wind. The Harvard paleontologist Stephen Jay Gould summarized...it as follows: ‘John Scopes was persecuted. Darrow rose to Scopes’ defense and smite the antediluvian Bryan, and the antievolution movement then...ground to...a temporary halt. All three parts of this story are false.’”*

*-Excerpt from Summer for the Gods by Edward J. Larson*

**The Scopes trial was viewed by some as a proxy for modernist versus fundamentalist forces in the United States during the Twenties. Despite great spectacle and worldwide focus, the actual impact of the trial is still debated. Discuss how and why the trial came to be and what the direct results of it were.**

