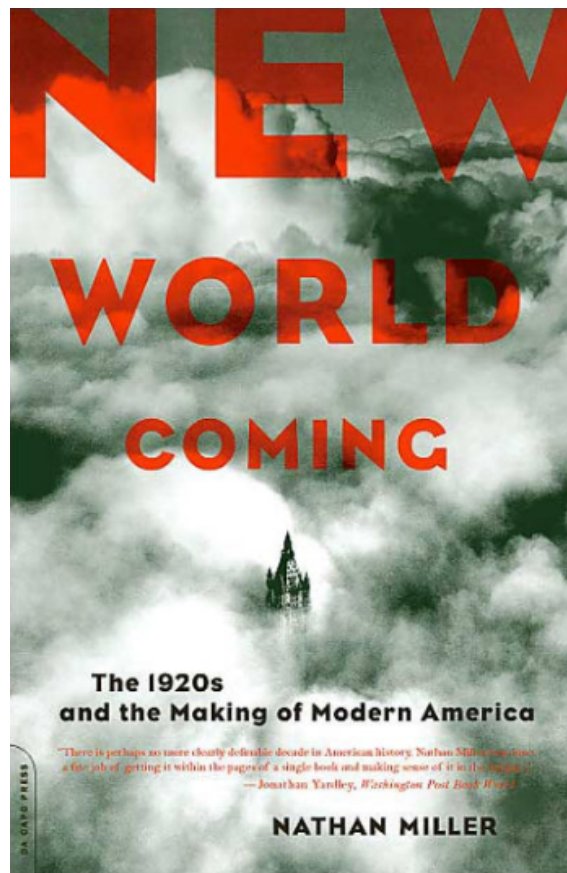




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**SOCIAL STUDIES CONTEST**

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**Part I: General Knowledge**

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

**(1 point each)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ was born in 1889 in Nairne Castle, Jamaica, his work *Home to Harlem* was the most popular novel written by a Black author in the United States up to the time of its release in 1928.  

A. Langston Hughes	C. Zora Neale Hurston
B. Claude McKay	D. Richard Wright
  
2. The method of buying large ticket items with a small deposit as part of an \_\_\_\_\_ plan was a feature of the 1920s. Previously only the wealthy could pay cash for refrigerators, vacuums, and washing machines. Increased production reduced the cost of items making them more affordable, and easy terms made for easy sales.  

A. installment	C. disposable income
B. Ponzi	D. margin buying
  
3. Under the leadership of \_\_\_\_\_, the Women’s Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) became a well-organized group able to mount campaigns of public education and political pressure on many fronts. In 1883, she spoke in every state and lecture fees were her main income until the WCTU voted her a salary in 1886.  

A. Mary Hannah Hanchett	C. Annie Turner Wittenmyer
B. Frances Willard	D. Carry Nation
  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ had a syndicated column in Hearst Newspapers entitled “As I See It,” and was one of the highest paid writers in New York. He started as a baseball columnist, but became renowned for his use of regional slang in his short stories and plays.  

A. Damon Runyon	C. Mark Twain
B. Ring Lardner	D. Henry Luce

5. The Increased Penalties Act, also called the \_\_\_\_\_, was in some ways the last gasp of Prohibition. It was passed by Congress in March of 1929 and attempted to strengthen the federal penalties for bootlegging.
- A. The Dawes Plan  
B. The Dyer Bill  
C. The Jones Act  
D. The “Five Gets You Ten” Law
6. In 1916, the first Piggly Wiggly opened in \_\_\_\_\_. Today, the chain has more than 530 stores across 17 states, but when its founder Clarence Saunders opened the doors it was the only store to feature self-service grocery shopping.
- A. St. Louis, Missouri  
B. Memphis, Tennessee  
C. Gary, Indiana  
D. Toledo, Ohio
7. Margaret Sanger is credited with originating the term \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. birth control  
B. equal pay  
C. contraception  
D. sexism
8. The elegantly casual designs of \_\_\_\_\_ inspired fashion-minded women to abandon items such as petticoats and corsets for simpler styles. Some of her most enduring innovations were the quilted purse, costume jewelry, and the “little black dress.”
- A. Coco Chanel  
B. Clara Bow  
C. Gloria Swanson  
D. Madam C.J. Walker
9. *Time Magazine’s* “Person of the Year” in 1929 was \_\_\_\_\_ for the plan to renegotiate Germany’s World War I reparation payments that bore his name. The plan would go into effect in 1930, but the world-wide depression would make it largely unworkable.
- A. Owen D. Young  
B. Walter P. Chrysler  
C. Andrew Mellon  
D. Charles G. Dawes
10. With advertisements for housing and employment and firsthand stories of newfound success for Blacks in the North, the *Chicago Defender* became one of the leading promoters of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Lost Generation  
B. NAACP  
C. Great Migration  
D. Progressive Movement

11. The WCTU was founded in November 1874 in \_\_\_\_\_, a center of prohibition-related activities. The WCTU became one of the most influential women’s groups of the 19th century by expanding its platform to campaign for labor laws, prison reform, and suffrage.
- A. Cleveland, Ohio  
 B. Kansas City, Kansas  
 C. Aurora, Illinois  
 D. Louisville, Kentucky
12. \_\_\_\_\_ was born on April 16, 1889, in London, England and died December 25, 1977 in Corsier-sur-Vevey, Switzerland. He spent much of his childhood in workhouses while his mother was in a mental institution. He would eventually become an actor, writer, producer, director and one of the founders of United Artists.
- A. D. W. Griffith  
 B. Rudolph Valentino  
 C. Douglas Fairbanks  
 D. Charlie Chaplin
13. \_\_\_\_\_, the former Senate majority leader, was unable to block Herbert Hoover’s nomination at the Republican convention in Kansas City, Missouri in 1928, but due to his sway in the committees and solid support among Southern Black delegates, he was chosen as Hoover’s running mate.
- A. Joseph T. Robinson  
 B. Charles Curtis  
 C. Frank Lowden  
 D. Charles Dawes
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ is an organization founded by Roger Baldwin and others in New York City in 1920 to champion constitutional rights in the United States.
- A. Communist Labor Party  
 B. Universal Negro Improvement Association  
 C. NAACP  
 D. ACLU

- New York State Assembly member from 1903-1915
- Elected Sheriff of New York County in 1915
- Served four terms as governor of New York
- President of Empire State Inc. which built the Empire State Building

15. All of the statements above describe \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Al Smith  
 B. Franklin Roosevelt  
 C. Jimmy Walker  
 D. Louis Brandeis

16. Events surrounding Dick Rowland and Sarah Page riding in an elevator together were the flashpoint for what became known as the \_\_\_\_\_ resulting in 35 city blocks being burned down and dozens of people killed in the early summer of 1921.
- A. Columbine Massacre  
B. Elaine Massacre  
C. Tulsa Race Massacre  
D. Centralia Massacre
17. The foundations of a national \_\_\_\_\_ were believed to be laid down at the Atlantic City Conference in New Jersey in May of 1929.
- A. highway system  
B. coastal defense  
C. crime syndicate  
D. radio network
18. On December 21, 1919, the transport ship known as the “Soviet Ark” left New York with 249 suspected radicals. Nearly a month later, the ship landed in Hanko, \_\_\_\_\_ and the “undesirables” began an overland trip to Russia.
- A. Ukraine  
B. Finland  
C. Turkey  
D. China
19. \_\_\_\_\_ wrote several books about his adventures including *Skyward*, *Little America*, and *Alone*. The books along with his knack for self-promotion and publicity made him world famous.
- A. Richard E. Byrd  
B. Charles Lindbergh  
C. William Randolph Hearst  
D. Ernest Hemingway
20. The Seattle General Strike of 1919 involved over 60,000 workers and immobilized the city so completely that “nothing moved but the tide.” Union members across the city banded together in a sympathy strike with the 35,000 \_\_\_\_\_ workers already on strike.
- A. rail road  
B. shipyard  
C. textile  
D. steel mill

**Part II: Primary Source Material**

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

**(2 points each)**

21. The shaky election prospects of the Republican party in \_\_\_\_ due to the gusher of scandals were so dim that one senator observed, “The question is not so much whether the Republican party will be defeated as to whether it will survive.” A Democratic leader suggested his party use the simple slogan, “Thou Shalt Not Steal.”

- A. 1924
- B. 1928
- C. 1922
- D. 1926

22. If Jimmy Walker was the “Night Mayor” of New York, \_\_\_\_ was the self-styled “Queen of the Night.” She wore a necklace of miniature padlocks to symbolize the number of times she was arrested and her clubs were closed.

- A. Dorothy Parker
- B. Bessie Smith
- C. “Texas” Guinan
- D. Gloria Swanson

23. The modern petroleum industry dates from January 1901, when a remarkable gusher exploded from a hole drilled into a marshy hill called Spindletop, just outside \_\_\_\_\_. Within a year, the 138 wells drilled in the field were producing more oil than the rest of the world combined.

- A. Odessa, TX
- B. Beaumont, TX
- C. Sulphur, Louisiana
- D. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

*“We have demanded that the Negro submit to the draft, and do his share of the fighting as exactly as the white man does. ...we should give him the same protection by the law, that we give the white man...Murder is not debatable.”*

24. The quote above is from \_\_\_\_ regarding the East St. Louis race riot on July 2, 1917 where thirty-nine Black people were murdered and approximately six thousand homes were set on fire.

- A. Woodrow Wilson
- B. Theodore Roosevelt
- C. Al Smith
- D. Calvin Coolidge

25. Despite a record \$635 million surplus in 1927, the U.S. Treasury Department would not create a loan-guarantee program for \_\_\_\_\_. The War Department even insisted that it be reimbursed for old blankets it had supplied the Red Cross during the event.

- A. Union Pacific railroad strikers
- B. Belgian refugees
- C. California drought relief
- D. Mississippi flood victims

26. Instead of the national political conventions taking place in the summer of 1932, much of the public was focused on the \_\_\_\_\_ story. It had begun in Hopewell, New Jersey in March and caused newspaper sales to increase 20%, President Hoover pledged assistance of federal authorities, and Al Capone offered a \$10,000 reward.
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|----|------------------------------|----|---------------------------|
| A. | St. Valentine’s Day Massacre | C. | Roscoe “Fatty” Arbuckle   |
| B. | Leopold and Loeb             | D. | Lindbergh baby kidnapping |
27. Local merchants floundered and vanished as national chains cornered more than a quarter of the nation’s food, apparel, and general merchandise markets with cheaper prices and wider selection. \_\_\_\_\_ led the way with some 17,500 stores and an annual business of \$750 million by 1927.
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| A. | The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company | C. | Kroger  |
| B. | Piggly-Wiggly                              | D. | Safeway |
28. Langston Hughes crowned her “the joy-goddess of Harlem’s 1920s,” and said that her death in 1931 marked the end of the Harlem Renaissance.
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| A. | Zora Neale Hurston | C. | Josephine Baker         |
| B. | A’Leilia Walker    | D. | Georgia Douglas Johnson |
29. By the mid-1920s, \_\_\_\_\_ was a patron of the arts, a generous donor to charity, and a celebrity who made regular appearances on both the society and business pages of newspapers. He knew every president from McKinley to Hoover and owned a 4,200 acre farm near Chicago. The staff was so large it had its own post office.
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| A. | Clarence Darrow | C. | Al Capone  |
| B. | Samuel Insull   | D. | Henry Ford |
30. Chicago had been introduced to New Orleans jazz during the years of World War I, but the city’s golden age of jazz began in 1919 with the arrival in town of Joe “King” Oliver, the noted cornetist. He sent for his protégé, \_\_\_\_\_ in 1922.
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|----|-------------------|----|-----------------|
| A. | Jelly Roll Morton | C. | Louis Armstrong |
| B. | Bix Beiderbecke   | D. | Duke Ellington  |

31. Warren Harding's 1920 campaign for president was largely confined to Ohio. It was managed by Will Hays and Chicago advertiser Albert Lasker. Lasker added a new twist to campaigning by having \_\_\_\_\_ for the first time.
- A. events only at the candidate's home
  - B. debates scheduled between the vice presidential candidates
  - C. celebrities visit and take photos
  - D. nationwide radio commercials
32. The \_\_\_\_\_ case was made to order for Chicago's highly competitive newspapers. Circulation wars raged in which thugs were hired by various papers to terrorize news-sellers, newsboys, and even readers into taking their papers. Twenty-seven people had been killed in a circulation battle just before World War I.
- A. St. Valentine's Day Massacre
  - B. Leopold and Loeb
  - C. Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle
  - D. Lindbergh baby kidnapping
33. The idea of a widely affordable automobile had been rejected by most car companies, but after years of refinement Henry Ford had succeeded. He named his creation the Model T because \_\_\_\_\_ and the first one rolled out of the Piquette Avenue factory in October of 1908.
- A. it was his twentieth design
  - B. it was tested at the Toledo Raceway
  - C. it cost two hundred dollars
  - D. it was meant to be the perfect fit
34. The last major event of the Red Scare occurred on September 16, 1920. A wagon stopped in front of the fortress-like offices of \_\_\_\_\_ at the corner of Wall Street in the New York financial district. Suddenly, the wagon disintegrated in an explosion killing thirty people instantly.
- A. Standard Oil
  - B. the Federal Reserve
  - C. the New York Stock Exchange
  - D. J. P. Morgan & Company
35. Advertisers encouraged consumers to buy goods for glamour and prestige in the 1920s. \_\_\_\_\_, author of *The Man Nobody Knows*, said the goal was, "to make people dissatisfied with the old...and by constant iteration to send them to work harder to get the latest model."
- A. J. Walter Thompson
  - B. Dr. A. A. Brill
  - C. Donald Francis Draper
  - D. Bruce Barton



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

36. In Crystal Eastman’s, “Now We Can Begin,” the author lists the goals her movement should seek in light of the recent \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. end of World War I  
B. passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment  
C. beginning of Prohibition  
D. passage of the 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment
37. In President Herbert Hoover’s November 5, 1929 news conference, he compared the current economic situation to that of 1907-08, but with the key difference being that previously the U.S. had not had the \_\_\_\_\_ available to stop a panic from occurring.
- A. paper currency reserve  
B. flexibility of a silver standard  
C. Federal Reserve System  
D. robust industrial output
38. The Pact of Paris or the General Treaty for Renunciation of War as an Instrument of National Policy is more commonly referred to as the Kellogg Briand Pact named for the U.S. Secretary of State and the \_\_\_\_\_ Minister of Foreign Affairs.
- A. British  
B. Belgian  
C. French  
D. Swiss
39. During a 1917 mining strike in Arizona, a sheriff arrested over 1,000 miners, forced them into boxcars, and deported them to New Mexico. Guards were stationed on the roads to ensure the miners could not return. The resulting case was dismissed and that decision confirmed by the Supreme Court in *U.S. v. Wheeler* on the grounds that \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. the miners were not United States citizens  
B. the strike was sponsored by Communist groups  
C. all workers signed contracts  
D. no federal laws were broken
40. In 1921, Marcus Garvey claimed that the “great problem of the Negro for the last 500 years,” had been \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. disunity  
B. colonialism  
C. the lack of entrepreneurship  
D. the lack of education

41. In 1930, Albert Einstein stated that \_\_\_\_\_ make true democracy possible by making “the works of the finest thinkers and artists accessible to the public,” which had previously only been available to the privileged classes.
- A. laborers  
B. teachers  
C. business people  
D. engineers
42. \_\_\_\_\_ was known as the “Baby Lieutenant,” the “Good Bootlegger,” and the “King” of the Puget Sound bootleggers. His operation became so successful and expansive at its height that he was one of the largest employers in Seattle.
- A. George Remus  
B. Roy Olmstead  
C. Fiorello La Guardia  
D. John J. Blaine
43. \_\_\_\_\_ was a nightlife reporter for *The New Yorker* during Prohibition and went by the name “Lipstick.” Her reporting brought the exploits of what became known as the flapper lifestyle to readers entertained by the sometimes scandalous activities they were not able to partake in.
- A. Zelda Fitzgerald  
B. Louise Brookes  
C. Lois Long  
D. “Texas” Guinan
44. The case of *Moore v. Dempsey* centered around mob violence and intimidation related to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Tulsa Race Massacre in Oklahoma  
B. Elaine Race Riot in Arkansas  
C. Chicago Race Riot in Illinois  
D. Centralia Massacre in Washington
45. A literacy test and the “barred zone” were key components of the \_\_\_\_\_ which went into effect after Congress overrode a presidential veto.
- A. Undesirable Aliens Act  
B. Immigration Act of 1917  
C. Emergency Quota Act  
D. Chinese Exclusion Act

**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 second Klan waned as rapidly as it arose and by 1926 had but a fraction of its peak strength ... Moreover, although internal rivalries and moral scandals repelled many Klan members, their movement won significant victories. ... The Klan’s greatest achievement may have been its influence on political consciousness: its redefinition of Americanness, and thereby of un-Americanism, would long continue to influence the country’s political culture.”*

*-Excerpt from The Second Coming of the KKK by Linda Gordon*

**Discuss the events and aspects of society responsible for the resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan and what impacts the organization and its vitriolic xenophobia had on the United States of the Twenties.**

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**ANSWER KEY**

<b>Part I (1 point each)</b>	<b>Part II (2 points each)</b>	<b>Points contestants could mention in their essay:</b>	<i>Protocols of the Elders of Zion</i> pushing conspiracies
1. B	21. A (pg. 126)	<b>Background</b>	•Eugenicists’ theories, like those of Francis Galton, led to books by Lothrop Stoddard’s <i>The Rising Tide of Color</i> and others promoting white supremacy
2. A	22. C (pg. 298)	•The Klan of the Twenties was formed by William Simmons in Stone Mountain, GA in 1915 and inspired by D.W. Griffith’s <i>Birth of a Nation</i>	<b>Impacts</b>
3. B	23. B (pg. 274)	•By 1920, Elizabeth Tyler and Edward Clarke grew the Klan through organization & advertising that attacked communism, Jews, and Catholics	•A <i>New York World</i> expose claimed 4 murders, 5 kidnappings, and other attacks were committed by the Klan in 1921 and a congressional investigation followed that only further publicized the Klan and membership increased to over 2 million
4. A	24. B (pg. 51)	•Hiram Evans took control in 1922-23 after removing Simmons, Clarke, and Tyler from their positions	•Indiana, Oregon, and other states were heavily influenced or basically run by Klan members leading to local laws that targeted immigrants, Jews, and Catholics.
5. C	25. D (pg. 347)	<b>Prior Events</b>	•The National Origins Act of 1924 (Johnson Act) favored Northern Europeans over all other groups and severely limited immigration
6. B	26. D (pg. 381)	•WWI created an atmosphere of aggressive nationalism that increased fear of foreign elements and called for 100% Americanism	•1924 DNC was a stalemate between Al Smith and Klan-backed McAdoo. The attrition lasted for days and ended in a weakened compromise candidate (John W. Davis)
7. A	27. A (pg. 184)	•The Red Scare fed off fear of communist attacking “American” institutions	•In 1928, Smith captured the nomination, but the Klan actively opposed him and the GOP won in a landslide making significant inroads into the once Solid South
8. A	28. B (pg. 221)	•Immigration had increased from Southern and Eastern Europe in the early 1900s bringing in larger numbers of Catholic and Jewish migrants	•In 1925, around 25,000 Klansmen paraded through D.C. and burned a huge cross on the banks of the Potomac
9. A	29. B (pg. 277)	•Prohibition efforts claimed foreign elements were behind drunkenness and saloons	<b>Demise of Klan</b>
10. C	30. C (pg. 311)	•The Great Migration was increasing Black populations in cities leading to racial tensions, riots, and massacres	•Scandals and exposure of corruption led to a rapid fall of Klan membership
11. A	31. C (pg. 78)	<b>Social Issues</b>	•Indiana’s nationally recognized Grand Dragon David Stephenson sexually assaulted and killed a woman and after not being pardoned revealed Klan corruption leading to more jailed leaders and national mockery
12. D	32. B (pg. 158)	•Fraternal organizations were popular and gave a feeling of belonging and status	
13. B	33. A (pg. 180)	•Rapidly increasing technology and urbanization led to fear or attacks on “traditional” values	
14. D	34. D (pg. 60)	•Anti-Semitism was increasing as a reaction to increased Jewish immigration and mass media, like the <i>Dearborn Independent</i> published by Henry Ford starting in 1919, ran series like the “International Jew” and excerpts from <i>The</i>	
15. A	35. D (pg. 151)		
16. C			
17. C	<b>Part III (3 points each)</b>		
18. B	36. B		
19. A	37. C		
20. B	38. C		
	39. D		
	40. A		
	41. D		
	42. B		
	43. C		
	44. B		
	45. B		

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