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Progressivism It's a new policy adopted by US by Theodore Roosevelt, based on a series of reforms on the social and economic spheres.

The position of the US during WWI was at the beginning of not intervening; they only took part in 1917: this allowed to US to gain economic superiority, since the costs of the war were different from the others countries.

In Fact in the end of the Great War US was one of the richest country of the world: this period will be called the Roaring Twenties, whose main characteristics are:

- There was an economic boom
- Red Scare: was the fear of socialism spread through US; a lot of political activist were seen as Communists sympathiser, and they were killed.
- Prohibition: It's referred to a ban of the government, about production, importation and distribution of alcohol; there was a problem of alcohol addiction among the poor. This led to an illegal market of alcohol.
- Feeling of xenophobia spread among the people; previously the us followed an open door policy, but now we have a different approach with a series of restrictions on immigration, with the segregation of minority.

The economic boom of the twenties led to an excessive speculation, which led to the Wall Street crash of the 1929: it produced an strong economic crisis all around the world.

There was also an environmental disaster, the so called Dust Bowl, which is used to refer to a series of dust storms that took place in some place in the us, following a period of drought.

After this period of crisis there was the period of the **New Deal**: it's a series of reforms by Franklin Roosevelt: based on **Relief, Recovery** and **Reform**

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