AP United States History

End of WWI and into the 1920s

- Fourteen Points Speech 1918
 - Wilson tries to make the war into a "Crusade for Democracy"
 - He argues to Congress for open diplomacy, freedom of seas, removal of trade barriers, reduction in arms, self determination, association of nations
 - League of Nations was a goal for this "association of nations"
- Treaty of Versailles in America
 - Despite Wilson's deep involvement of postwar negotiations, US Senate refuses to ratify the Treaty of Versailles
 - This also means the US would not join the League of Nations
- The Dawes Plan (1924)
 - Germany is loaned \$2.5 Billion by America who had to pay the Allies war reparations
 - This money that the Allies got from Germany is used to pay war debt to America
- Restrictions on Liberty and Immigration during the 1920s
 - Sacco and Vanzetti Trial 1921
 - Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were Italian-Americans accused and convicted of robbery + murder
 - In fact, they were innocent, but communal pressure against foreigners + communism led them to be executed
 - Emergency Quota Acts 1921 + National Origins Act 1924
 - EQA: Set limits of immigrants based on national origins and discriminated against new immigrants from Southern + Eastern Europe
 - NOA: Cap of 164,000 immigrants from all of Asia
- Resurgence of KKK
 - Reactionary backlash and renewed nativism leads KKK to grow to 5,000,000 members
 - 1925 Led by Hiram Wesley Evans (Imperial Wizard and Emperor)
 - Anti-immigrant and anyone not white + protestant
 - Could be seen as a fascist presence in America