History Notes Trimester 2

# History Rhymes

-who

-what

-where

-when

-why (very important)

# 1900-1920

**Robber Barons** – a group of businessmen who controlled **Natural Resources**, payed **low wages**, **influenced government**, **formed monopolies**, and **squashed competition**

Examples: J.P. Morgan (banks) **Progressive Era:** ending of corruption: reform

Rockefeller (oil)

Carnegie (steel)

# Urbanization and Industrialization

-the Industrial Revolution **Teddy Roosevelt** busted **b**ig

-Immigration **b**usinesses **b**ehaving **b**adly. He said,

-moving to find work “speak softly and carry a big stick.”

**Inventions**

-Airplane -Electricity -Radio

-Car -Steam Engine -Cruise Ship

**Weapons**

-Machine Gun -Barbed Wire -Tanks -Bombs

-Flamethrower -Chemicals -Grenade -Airplane

# Presidents

**Taft – Bathtub Guy**

William Howard Taft signed the 16th amendment, which gave Congress the power to collect taxes

**Woodrow Wilson** was a pacifist and wanted to keep the U.S. out of World War I. He continued Roosevelt and Taft’s antitrust policies. He also set up Federal Reserve banks.

# Causes of WWI

-Nationalism: alliance – when you attack one, you attack all

-people did not accept each other

-Imperialism – land grabbing

-**EAR** (**E**uropean **A**rms **R**ace) - New Weapons

-Assassination of the archduke Franz Ferdinand by Serbian terrorists ⭐

# Why the U.S. joined WWI

-Sinking of the Lusitania in 1915 (128 Americans on board)

-Zimmerman Telegram – Germany said they would give Mexico the states that Mexico lost in the Mexican-American War

# WWI Results

-10 million people dead

-20 million people wounded

-end of France’s military power

-Treaty of Versailles (Germany responsible for war, Germany had to pay 33 billion dollars [but didn’t], Germany lost land to Great Britain, France, and Russia, U.S. didn’t sign the treaty)

**Central Powers** **Allied Powers**

-Austria-Hungary -Russia -France

-Germany -France -Serbia -U.S.

**World in Flux** **Prohibition and Lawlessness**

-12-day cruise only 60 dollars -18th Amendment bans alcohol

-girl scouts formed -Volstead Act

-tinker toys -moonshine -speak easy

-Lincoln logs -bathtub -bootlegging

**9-year party**

19th Amendment – women have the right to vote

# 1920-1940

**Vibrant times!**

Warren G. **Harding** loved gambling, liquor, and women, but he surrounded himself with corrupt people.

Calvin **Coolidge** was the opposite of Harding. He believed in Laissez-Faire government and promoted isolationism.

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The Economy was BOOMING.

-2nd Industrial Revolution, assembly line

-More Cars = More Business

90 minutes 🠚 1 car

-New Industries Pop Up (steel, paint, oil, rubber, glass)

-Jazz was created in the 1920s

-Prohibition – anti-liquor

Gangsters: Al Capone, Machine Gun Kelly – Organized Crime

# Resurgence and Revival of the KKK

-white supremacists

-turmoil in society because of immigrants

**Scare Tactics**

**1933 – 21st Amendment repealed prohibition (18th Amendment)**

-Tar and Feathering -Lynching

-Beatings -Boycott Business

# 1920s and 1930s (in detail)

**Pop Culture**

-youth are outspoken

-women wore more makeup, smoked, and were more scandalous

-more women went to college

-social revolution\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**The Roaring 20s**

-a 9 year party that comes crashing down in 1929

**Causes of the Great Depression:**

-stock market crash

-bank failures

-Dust Bowl (Drought)

**1930s**

-the party is over

-unemployment goes from 25% to 50%

-banks have serious problems

-money was scarce

-U.S. was a land of despair rather than of advancement. Teachers made $10 a week.

**Herbert Hoover**- “Prosperity is just around the corner.” His ideas weren’t bad, just small.

- He attacked veterans pleading for help in front of the white house

# FDR

-was one of the most pivotal presidents of the 20th century

-was one of our most successful politicians

-he understood human suffering (he had polio)

-he was good at persuasion

**-Banks CLOSE in 38/48 states**

# The New Deal

-**Recovery** – agriculture and industry > new jobs

-**Relief** – money, welfare, social security (people)

-**Reform** – Banks (FDIC)

The New Deal helped people instead of regulating them. It protected them.

In the end, it didn’t get us out of the Great Depression – World War II did.

**Fads and Fashion**

-Zipper -national anthem

-Monopoly -Gambling on the rise

# Nazi Goals and Philosophy

**The Germans believed this would solve all of Germany’s problems.**

-Hitler – “Today Germany, tomorrow the world”

-anti-Jewish

-extreme nationalism

-propaganda through media, books, documents

-educated youth with propaganda

-built up military

-anti-Semitism

# 1940s

**Causes of WWII**

**Main Allied Powers**

U.S. – F.D.R./Truman

Britain – Churchill

Russia – Stalin

**Main Axis Powers**

Germany – Hitler

Italy – Mussolini

Japan – Hirohito

-Great Depression

-Appeasement (give in to Hitler’s demands) (fear)

-World War I

-Treaty of Versailles – Germany blamed for WWI

-Hitler takes land (France, Belgium, Austria, Netherlands, Czech, Denmark, Norway, Sweden)

# Sep. 1, 1939 – Start of WWII

-Hitler attacks Poland

-Blitzkrieg Warfare (lightning strikes)

-Air Power – Tanks – Army

**Pacific War**

-Imperialism once again, this time by Japan (more appeasement)

-spring of 1941 – All of Europe under Hitler’s control

-Hitler makes two fatal mistakes:

-He attacks Russia and Britain (Britain was Air War)

-Russia pushed him back

-F.D.R. watched things closely in Europe → the attack came from Asia, not Europe

# The War Plan was Strategic

Bombing → industry, communication, intelligence, supplies, transportation

**Running the War Time Economy**

“Economic Miracle” ensured the destruction and defeat of Germany and Japan

-A bomber was produced every hour

-the U.S. produced twice as much as Germany and Japan combined

By 1943, Germany was weakening → Operation Overlord, D-day → reinvade the European continent (June 6, 1944)

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→ May 8, 1945 Germany surrenders, no treaty

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-War caused social movements in culture

-women in factories

-women told to go home after the war (resentment)

-1 million African-Americans served in segregated units

-the seeds of the Civil Rights Movement

-the fight for equality intensifies

-no civil rights for Asian-Americans (racial injustice)

**U.S. warned Japan to surrender or else**

-Aug. 6, 1945 → Hiroshima → atomic bomb dropped

-Aug. 9, 1945 → Nagasaki → second bomb dropped

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**McCarthy** – a do-nothing senator who had a dismal career

-he had a list of 205 suspected communists

-accused many people

-reign of terror

-China falls to Communism in 1949

-U.S.S.R. explodes the atomic bomb in 1949

-Rosenburgs were arrested, convicted, and executed for “spying” on us

-they sold atomic secrets to the Soviet Union

The **Red Scare** created conformity in society.

# The Korean War (the forgotten war)

-turned out to be a stalemate

-1st test of the Truman Doctrine

-North Korea communist (South Korea democratic)

-Enter the Chinese in the North to help

**Culture of Conformity**

-a weapon against communism -organized man-conformity in the workplace

-sameness, comfortable, affluence -independence, individuality disappeared

**U.S. Economy**

# **H**ouse **U**namerican **A**ctivities **C**ommittee

There was a list of organizations that were considered to be disloyal → 1000s of workers were found guilty of being communist sympathizers. HUAC (House Unamerican Activities Committee) sook out communist sympathizers in the fabric of society.

# The Red Scare – politics of anti-communism

red-scare → paranoia → witch hunts \*Science Fiction movies created images of invaders and aliens living among us working to destroy us from within. We “had to” be vigilant. People whipped themselves into a state of fear and frenzy → the idea was to stand up to Soviet aggression.

-suburb explosion

-home ownership

-creation of the interstate highway system (pollution, cars, shopping malls)

# Levittown

-mass production of houses

The culture of conformity was a weapon against communism. Independence, individuality, and identity all disappeared. Social morality was a priority.

They were very cheap ($3,000 each), looked alike, and were segregated.

Organization Men → conformity in the workplace

# Culture

Women in the 50s were domestic, subservient and tame. African Americans and other ethnic groups were left out of the big family image.