

The Century: Peter Jennings
Boom and Bust: 1920s

1. What were the results of Prohibition?
2. What causes massive migrations to urban areas and what impact does that have on American culture? What might skyscrapers symbolize?
3. What is Jazz? What is the Harlem Renaissance?
4. What were some of the technological innovations of the 20s and how do they change the everyday life of people?
5. What impact did advertising and the radio have on the U.S.?
6. What effect does credit have on people and the American economy?
7. How do women's lives change in the 20s and why?
8. How does rural America react to the changes taking place in America's cities?

9. What is the Scopes Monkey Trial and how does it reflect the conflict between old and new in the 20s.

10. What new ideas does the KKK adopt in the 20s, where did their influence grow, and how does that represent the conflict between old and new?

11. Why were sports so important and how did the media enhance their popularity?

12. What do the feats of Lindberg and Byrd represent to most Americans?

13. What was one reason why the Stock Market crashed in 1929 and who was effected? Were there any social programs to fall back on?

14. What do you think Peter Jennings meant when he said the 20s were a time when Americans broke traditional geographic, technological, and social boundaries?