



## LESSON 7.2.2 | WATCH | Crash Course US History #32 The Roaring Twenties

### PURPOSE

In this video, you will be introduced to the major events of the 1920s. Through this video, you will come to understand the shifts in the American economy and society during the 1920s. The video lays the groundwork for understanding how the decade shaped modern America, a notion that will be expanded upon in future readings and activities.

### LINK

- [Crash Course US History #32 – The Roaring Twenties](#)

Watch the video on your own time, either at home, on your phone, or in the library.

### PREVIEW

In which John Green teaches you about the United States in the 1920s. They were known as the roaring 20s, but not because there were lions running around everywhere. In the 1920s, America's economy was booming, and all kinds of social changes were in progress. Hollywood, flappers, jazz, there was all kinds of stuff going on in the 20s. But as usual with Crash Course, things were about to take a turn for the worse. John will teach you about the Charleston, the many Republican presidents of the 1920s, laissez-faire capitalism, jazz, consumer credit, the resurgent Klan, and more.

### PROCESS

Remember that John speaks very quickly, and you should watch the video with captions. Don't forget to pause and rewind when necessary. Before you watch the video, remember the central ideas of the lesson's essential questions:

- In what ways can the 1920s be seen as both the dawn of a "New Era" in US History, and what were some of the reactions to a changing culture?
- What caused the Great Depression and how did America respond?



## LESSON 7.2.2 | WATCH | Key Ideas – Factual

Think about the following questions as you watch the video.

1. What is laissez-faire capitalism?
2. How were pro-business views assisted in the government during the 1920s?
3. In what ways did the economy and manufacturing grow during this time?
4. How did labor-saving devices change American culture?
5. During the 1920s, what was considered the American “standard of living”
6. While opera singer Enrico Caruso is often called the first modern celebrity, who is probably the biggest figure during the 1920s?



7. What area became the capital of black America during this era?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Despite increased free speech, “torches of liberty” and the Harlem Renaissance, why were the 1920s considered a reactionary period in American history?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. What did immigration restriction bills do?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. Why did the 1920s see an increase in tension between science education and religious beliefs?

### LESSON 7.2.2 | WATCH | Conceptual Thinking

Answer the following question to make connections across different concepts and think more critically about the information presented in the video.

1. How were the 1920s a period of contradictions? What examples can you provide to support your claim?