

Manmeet Kaur – History Essay

Explain how prohibition changed the lives of many Americans (8)

what is wrong here?

statement developed explanation

One way that prohibition changed many lives for Americans was that it criminalised many ordinary, law-abiding citizens. This was because it became illegal to drink alcohol but millions of Americans were against prohibition therefore still continued to consume alcohol and this caused a rise in crime because these American citizens were now classed as criminals. Another reason why there was a rise in crime was due to drink driving; as the motor car industry was developing and improving, more people owned and drove a car however, as they also continued to drink so they would drive to the speakeasies and drive back drunk. This changed the lives of many Americans because it meant that they weren't able to enjoy a drink in the comfort of their own home, they were classed as criminals for drinking and the police focused on crimes to do with alcohol rather than investigating crimes like rape etc.

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Secondly, the Italian mafia and other gangs had a big part in the rise in crime. The mafia took advantage of prohibition by smuggling alcohol and to make sure that they weren't found out they would threaten and bribe people. They made money from far exceeding the traditional crimes of extortion, gambling and prostitution. Prohibition allowed mafia families to make fortunes and as prohibition continued, they mafia continued to dominate organised crime and make lots of money.

The mafia making fortunes led to another problem because the money that they made allowed them to corrupt the government officials, judges, politicians and police to turn a blind eye to their activities. When that didn't work they used violence and this undermined the morality of American society.

In conclusion, prohibition changed the lives of many Americans however, I think these changes had a negative impact on American citizens as criminal activity was increased, organised crime was on a high and the government became corrupt however, if prohibition wasn't in place it would make consuming alcohol legal, reduce crime and allow police to focus on other crimes. Prohibition was initially put into place to cut criminal activity, reduce domestic violence and for religious reasons but I think it was a rule that was impossible for the American government to enforce because the majority of Americans weren't going to give up alcohol and in my opinion, I think prohibition had more of a negative impact of the lives of Americans rather than a positive impact.

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Excellent Manmeet.

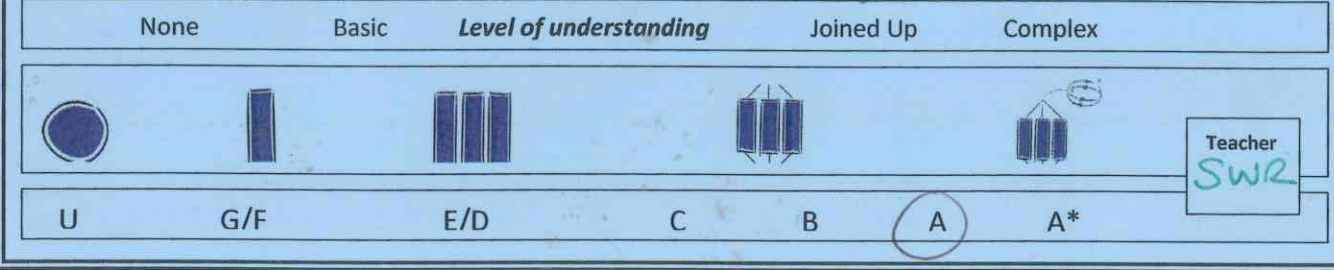
There is one thing you could do to make this full marks - use the mark scheme to work it out

PROGRESS REVIEW

- I am responding to feedback on:
- A written assessment.
  - Marking in books
  - Peer marking.
  - Homework
  - A learning challenge.

My response to the feedback:  
 I agree with your comments. The thing that was wrong with the statement was that buying and selling the alcohol was illegal - not drinking it. I am pleased with my grade however, I am annoyed that I didn't get that extra mark to get an A\* with explanations.  
 What I did well: well done.  
 Targets for improvement:  
 I need to make sure I can make links between the different factors. to get that extra mark + get full marks.

What I have been studying?  
 How did prohibition change the lives of many citizens.



Level 2 - F/E answer:

- Low (5-6) You only give developed statements about one factor.
- High (7-8) As above but for 2 factors. (D answer)
  - The answer will not be clear or very organised.
  - No prioritising combining or linking.

Level 3:

- D/C answer:
- Low (9-10) You will discuss and consider a variety of factors. Judgement is not explicit.
  - High (11-12) As above but you explain why you think one factor is more important than others.

Level 4:

- Low (13-14) You will make a judgement on the