

April



US Society 1919 - 29:
Lesson 4: Prohibition
The Evil of Drink!



Learning Gain

Will be able to discuss what Prohibition was, be able to link the reasons for it to the groups who supported and promoted Prohibition.

Learning steps:



- Define what Prohibition was.
- Consider why there might be a push to ban alcohol in the USA.
- Investigate which groups were campaigning for Prohibition



List at least two positives and negatives of alcohol.



So what was Prohibition?

In 1919 the Senate passed the 18th Amendment to the Constitution. Enforced by the 1919 Volstead Act - Prohibition prevented the manufacture, transportation and sale of intoxicating beverages.

i.e. - "Booze".

But it did not make drinking alcohol illegal. ?????

ahhh now thats a crying shame, should be a crime.





Millions of ordinary Americans did not support the ban and this would create terrible problems in enforcing it. So why was this bad law passed - who supported it? Who wanted it?



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The purpose of the WCTU was to create a "sober and pure world"



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The Prohibition Party:

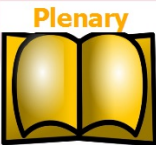
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Complete the summary sheet on the "Dry" Groups



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Summarise why these different groups Opposed Alcohol:

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Write 30 words to explain why "Dry" groups wanted Prohibition.

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Summarise in one sentence why "Dry" groups wanted to ban alcohol.

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