

April



US Society 1919 - 29:

Chapter 5: Prohibition

Heyyyyy - The Rise of Gangsters



Learning Gain:

Will be able to discuss and connect Prohibition, increased Criminality and the rise of Gangsterism.

Learning steps:



- Examine the link between Prohibition and Criminality.
- How did the Mafia prosper from Prohibition.
- Detail the consequences of Prohibition.



Reflect and Connect

Summarise what this poster is saying.

Based upon your work last lesson write 30 words summarising the meaning of this Prohibition poster.

You have five minutes to complete your task - you limey learners!



Five Mins



The Fortune Teller of History...woaaaahhhh.!!



What will you create if you make something illegal that millions enjoy?



You have three minutes to complete your task - you limey learners!



Three Mins





Having this much fun
must be criminal!



The Prohibition Act criminalised millions of previously law abiding Americans. It did not end the demand for alcohol, it just made supplying it illegal.

Main

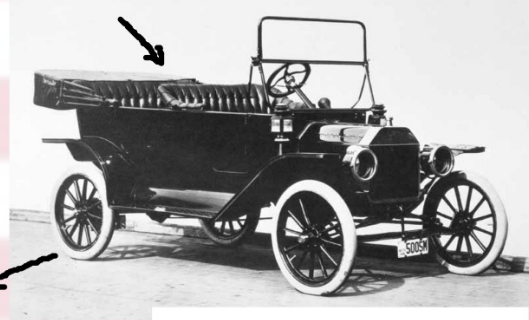


And where there is demand, someone will find a way to supply it!

Main



Italian immigrants from S. Italy and Sicily brought their traditions with them - including the Mafia.



The invention of the motor car made fast escape possible and the transport of illegal goods faster.



The machine gun gave organised crime a powerful weapon.



the poverty faced by Italian immigrants made joining the Mafia attractive.

Main



The Mafia took advantage of prohibition and began selling illegal alcohol. The profits from bootlegging far exceeded the traditional crimes of protection, extortion, gambling and prostitution.

Prohibition allowed Mafia families to make fortunes. As prohibition continued victorious factions would go on to dominate organized crime in their respective cities, setting up the family structure of each city



Main



In the early 1920s Italian Mafia families began waging wars for absolute control over lucrative bootlegging rackets. As the violence erupted, Italians fought Irish and Jewish ethnic gangs for control of bootlegging in their respected territories.



The money they made allowed them to corrupt government officials, judges, politicians and police officers to turn a blind eye to their activities. When that didn't work they used violence. This all undermined the morality of American society.



Many ordinary Americans broke the law to either "bootleg" their own illegal alcohol.

or to drink it in the 1000s of illegal drinking establishments known as "Speakeasies".



Plenary



- Draw a spider diagram which shows the consequences of making alcohol illegal.



- Write 30 words to explain why Prohibition allowed Gangsters to prosper.



- Write an explanation of why Prohibition increased not decreased crime in the USA in the 1920s.

Plenary



*Learning objectives:
I know I will have made progress in my learning today if I can...*

Review your progress today, explain whether you think you have made "legitimate" progress in this lesson.