



US Society 1919 - 29: Chapter 8: Intolerance Immigration - No Thanks!



Learning Gain

Will be able to summarise the reasons why Americans wanted to limit immigration, explain why it was repealed and evaluate what this said about 1920s America.

Learning Steps:



- Link immigration to the policy of isolationism.
- Explore some of the consequences of isolationism on the United States.
- Discuss whether isolationism made the USA more racist.





Reflect and Connect
What was Isolationism?



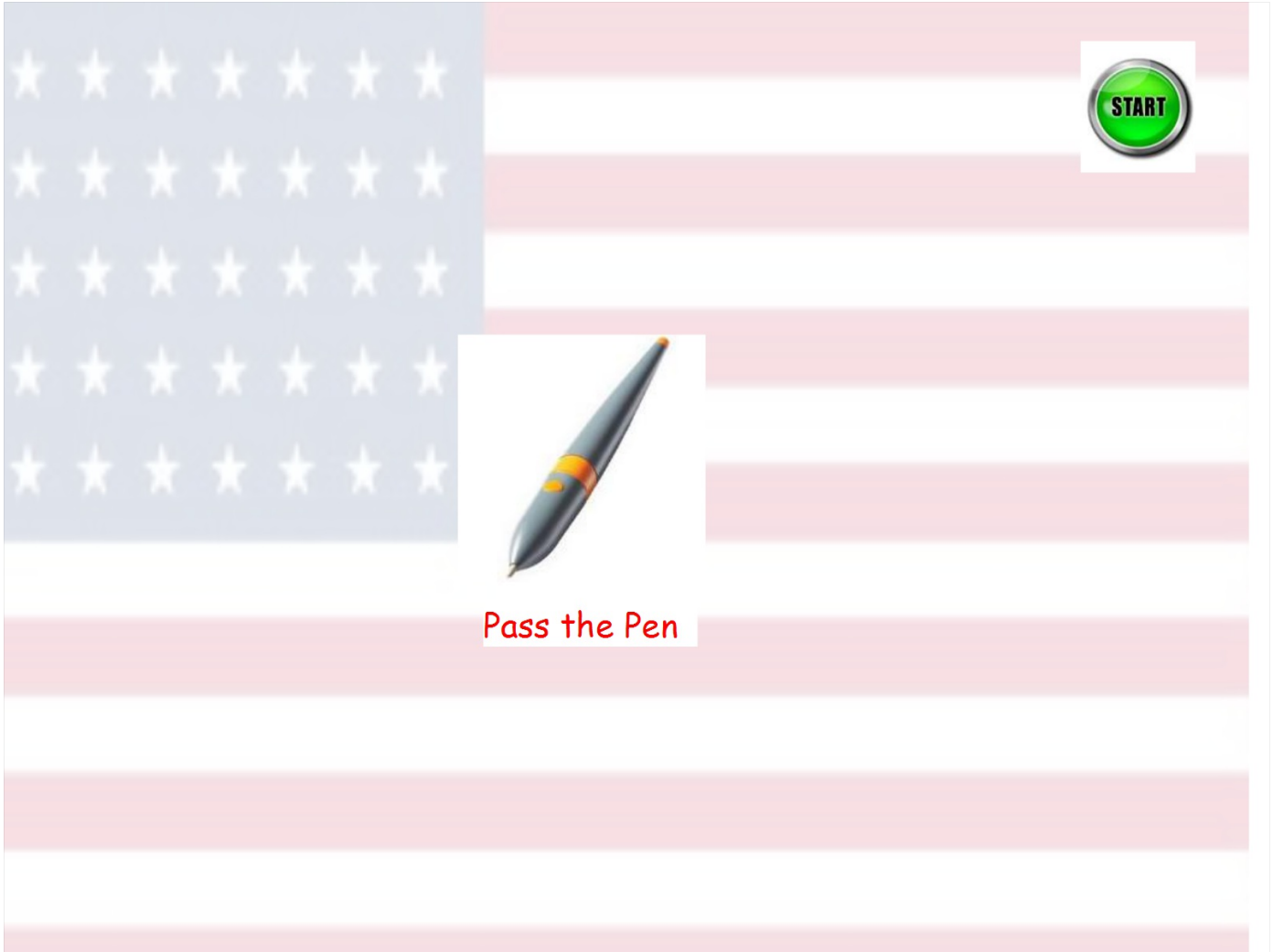
Based upon your work in previous lessons - explain what Isolationism was and why Americans supported it.

Remember:

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



Five Mins



START



Pass the Pen

The First World War revealed some alarming facts about the USA





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CLEANING THE NEST!

—Cassel in the *New York Evening World*.

Think about what we have just learned - can you connect "Isolationism", and use it to explain the meaning of this cartoon?

Main



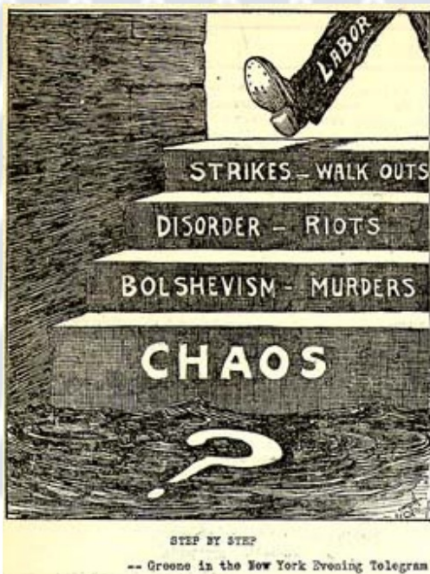
So if Isolationism also meant limiting FORIEGN IMMIGRATION as well as FORIEGN TRADE - how was it achieved?



First Isolationism led to an end of the "Open Door" policy on immigration.

This was due to reasons already listed but also a fear that immigrants were creted cheap labour taking jobs from Americans.

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The immigrants were also blamed for bringing "Bolshevism" (communism) to the USA.

This created the "RED SCARE"

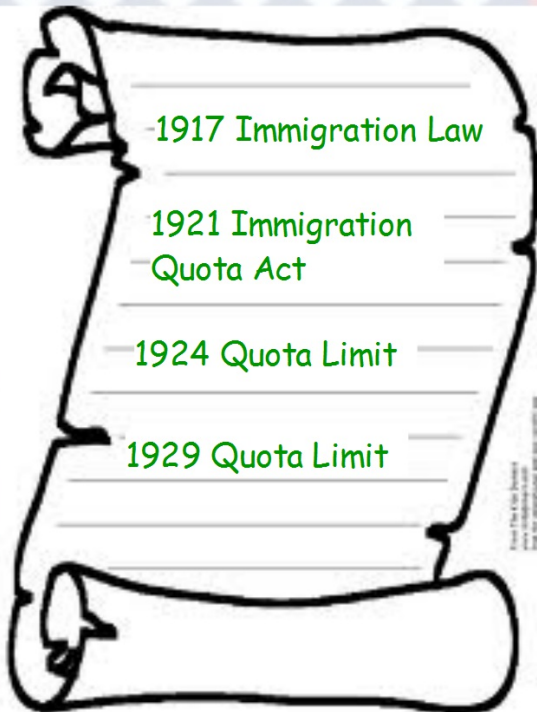


It lasted only from 1919-1920 but demonstrated the USA's ability to create paranoia and see a united threat to the nation's values were none existed.

Main



The Laws



1917 Immigration Law

1921 Immigration
Quota Act

1924 Quota Limit

1929 Quota Limit

1917 Immigration Act:

Required that all immigrants pass a literacy test which proved they could read English.

1921 Immigration Quota Act:

Limited the number of immigrants to 375 000 a year. And that those coming from any one country should not exceed 3% of those already living here.

1924: The law reduced 3% to 2%.

1929: The law reduced the quota to 150,000 a year.

Main



How could an Italian Immigrant argue that the USA Immigration Laws were racist?



Plenary



What does the work you have done today say about the USA of the 1920s?



Use your learning from today to change the quote on the statue of liberty from the perspective of the USA of the 1920s?

"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

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.