

The 1920's In The United States:

I. Economic Growth In The 1920's

1. Automobile industry

- Henry Ford and the "Model T"

2. Construction Industry

- residential homes and roads

3. New inventions spurred by the use of electrical power

- washing machines, phonographs, vacuum cleaners, electric iron, refrigerators, etc.

4. Increase in worker productivity

- mass production methods

II. Opportunity For Women and African Americans:

1. Women

- passage of the 19th Amendment
- more women entering "white collar" and clerical fields of work

2. African Americans

- job opportunities in the north

III. Growth Of Cities:

1. Job opportunities

2. construction of skyscrapers

IV. The Red Scare:

1. The Russian Revolution in 1917 creates panic within the U.S.

- bombs sent through the mail
- *Palmer Raids* (Attorney General Mitchell Palmer orders the FBI to infiltrate American Communist organizations and arrest people suspected of plotting to overthrow the government)
- Sacco and Vanzetti case

V. Immigration Restrictions:

1. news laws are passed to stop the flow of immigrants to the U.S.

VI. Prohibition:

1. Passed in the *Eighteenth Amendment* (barred the manufacturing and selling of alcoholic beverages)

***Could Not Be Successfully Enforced:**

- Rise of "speakeasies" (illegal saloons)
- Rise of organized crime