

# Scheme of Learning: The USA 1910-29

## Topic Sequence:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
The Economic Boom	Immigration	Race and Religion	Crime and Corruption	Lives of Women	Popular Entertainment	End of the Economic Boom

## Topic Overview:

The USA in the 1920s was shaped by the Economic Boom that propelled it to be the world's wealthiest country. An influx of money following World War One allowed America to start the 1920s financially very strong. Revolutionary changes in the economy, including mass production, credit and record-low taxes, allowed America to prosper. America's vast array of natural resources only increased this economic progress.

## Lesson Sequence:

1. What were the causes of the Economic Boom? Without a firm understanding of the Economic Boom, it is impossible to understand America in the 1920s as a whole. In this lesson we establish *why* America had an Economic Boom, including the advent of mass production, credit, the impact of WWI and government policies that fuelled growth.
2. How did Republican Presidents contribute to the Economic Boom? We focus in on the political background to the Economic Boom in this lesson: "laissez-faire" ("hands-off") government policies that encouraged prosperity: low taxes and tariffs on foreign goods.
3. How significant was Henry Ford in the Economic Boom? When examining the USA 1910-29, there is no greater success story than Henry Ford. The revolutionary techniques he pioneered, including mass production and the assembly line, caused workers' wages and profits to rise, and the car to become an item available to a broader range of Americans.
4. What were the features of the Economic Boom? In this lesson we look at what the Economic Boom actually looked like: high employment, high wages, a growing middle-class, electrification and a bigger consumer economy.
5. Who didn't benefit from the Boom? To have a nuanced understanding of the USA 1910-29, we must also examine who didn't benefit from the Boom and how these groups fit into the American story in the 1920s. We look at those who didn't see the improvement that others did, such as African Americans, farmers and traditional workers.
6. How to answer Q5: Here we look at how to successfully answer Q5 on the USA 1910-29 paper.
7. Assessment: Knowledge test and a Q1 from the USA 1910-29 paper.

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3	How significant was Henry Ford in the Economic Boom?
4	What were the features of the Economic Boom?
5	Who didn't benefit from the Boom?
6	How to answer Question 5 on the USA 1910-29 paper.
7	Assessment: Knowledge test and Q1

## Topic Resources:

<b>Knowledge Map:</b>	USA 1910-29	<b>Any other Resources:</b>	EDUQAS USA 1910-29 Textbook
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## Assessment:

<b>Knowledge:</b>	10
<b>Application of Knowledge:</b>	Q1 from the USA 1910-29 exam paper

## Supportive Reading:

<b>Any supported reading listed here</b>	EDUQAS USA 1910-29 Textbook
	BBC Bitesize: WJEC: Causes of the Economic Boom