

**AP US History/Dual Credit – Dr. Benjamins**  
**The 1920s – Megatrends: A Mini-Research Assignment**

Directions: Each person will be assigned a topic from one of six areas. For your section and topic research in your textbook and other textbooks in the classroom on the topics listed AND answer the question provided for your section. Everyone will prepare a single PowerPoint slide with information on their section AND their answer to the question. Be prepared to briefly present your topic.

**Area One**

Politics and Government

- The Harding, Coolidge, and Hoover administrations
- The Harding scandals and the Bonus Bill veto
- The Coolidge-Mellon fiscal program
- Hoover and the Hawley-Smoot Tariff

Question: Were the twenties dominated by small government and political bossism or big government and bureaucracy?

**Area Two**

Economics

- Influence of Henry Ford
- The agricultural problem
- The growth of mass production and the decline of railroad
- The stock boom

Question: The twenties: Was it a businessman's paradise or an economic dirge?

**Area Three**

Social

- Changing morality - "flappers"
- Ku Klux Klan
- Fundamentalist vs. Modernist (Scopes Trial)
- Sensationalism, Advertisements, and Gangsters

Question: Was the so called "Jazz Age" best characterized as carefree or insecure?

**Area Four**

Protest

- Eugene V. Debs and Socialism
- Palmer raids
- Universal Negro Improvement Association and Marcus Garvey
- The "Lost Generation"

Question: Was this an age of unlawful protest or legal repression?

**Area Five**

Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs

- Disarmament
- Dawes and Young plans for reparations
- Relations with Mexico
- Kellogg – Braind Peace Pact

Question: Are the twenties best remembered as a period of isolation or one of internationalism?

**Area Six**

Judicial

- The appointment of Taft to the Supreme Court
- Adair vs. United States and labor
- Child labor laws and the courts
- Civil liberties, Holmes and the Schenck Case

Question: Do the court decisions favor property rights over civil rights?