The Roaring 20s! Politics in the Twenties Notes #1

Cultural Conflicts of the 1. <u>Traditional vs. Modern values</u> 1920s: 2. Old ways vs. New Ways 3. Older Generations vs. Younger Generations • Nativism: _____ against foreign-born people Nativism & Isolationism • Isolationism: pulling away from in world affairs Communism & The Red • Communism: economic and political system based on a single-party Scare government ruled by a dictatorship Government businesses; no private property • Red Scare in U.S.: Started with Russian Revolution Communist party formed in the U.S. o Fear the ______ of Communism in the U.S. **Limited Immigration** "Keep America for Americans" Nativism once again on the rise System: Set maximum # of people allowed to U.S. each year ■ Target was Southern & Eastern Europeans The Palmer Raids • U.S. Attorney General Mitchell Palmer & J. Edgar Hoover The government hunted down anyone that was ______ to be: Communist o ______: people opposed to any form of government ■ Failed because people didn't believe it

Nicola Sacco & Bartolomeo Vanzetti



• They were victims of nativism

- Accused of murder based on witnesses seeing "Italians" at the scene
- Circumstantial evidence and accused had
- Both men were sentenced to death by electric chair
- Protest rang out all over the country

Eugenics



• **Eugenics**: belief that the human race can be improved genetically by

_____ breeding

- Making specific decisions about who has children with whom
- Eugenics advocates wanted to better the human race, but their definition of "better" often involved _______ and classism

Ku Klux Klan



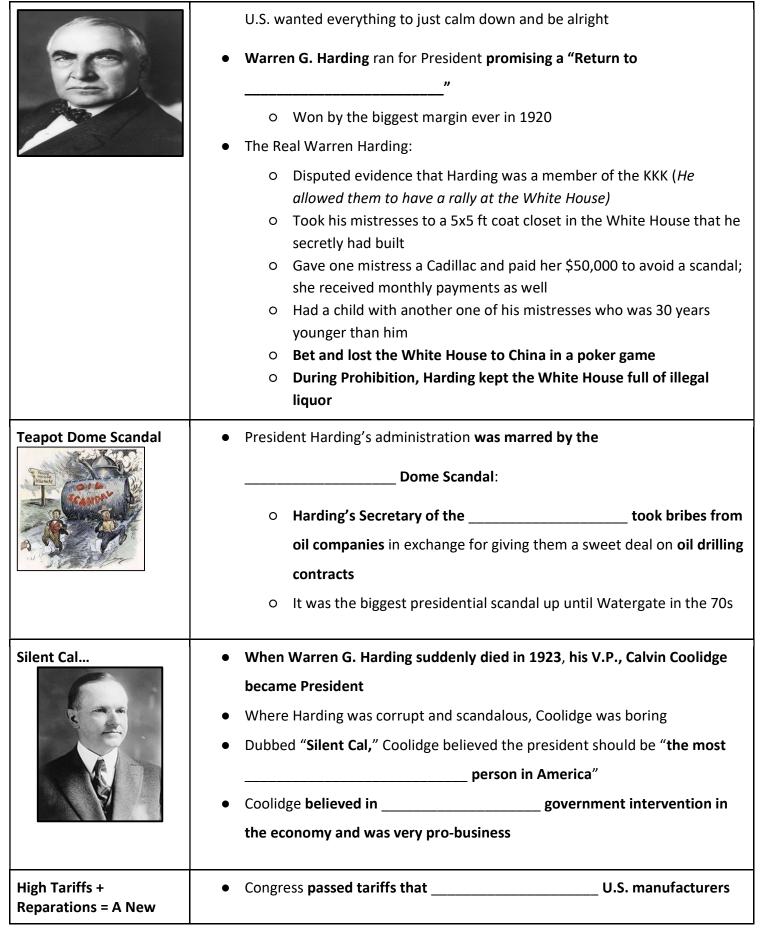
- Created in 1865 to resist the change the Republican party brought to the
 South
 - The KKK saw big rise in membership during the 1920s → due to population shifts
 - O By 1924, memberships reached 4.5 million people
- The KKK was devoted to "100% ______"

 (NATIVISM)
- The Klan also believed in:
 - O Keeping African Americans as ______ class citizens
 - Destroying saloons
 - Opposing unions
 - O Wanted Catholics, Jews, & foreign-born people out of the country
- Northern cities in general had not welcomed the massive _____

 of African Americans
 - African Americans faced many daily threats and discrimination (found a voice in the NAACP)

Harding & The Return to Normalcy

• After WWI, post-war economic problems, and the Red Scare, people in the



Conflict by keeping out foreign-made goods Government favored big business again (returned to laissez-faire) Paying war debts becomes a problem for Germany • Fordney-McCumber Tariff: Supposed to help American businesses o Instead it hurt world trade European economies suffered Significantly raised taxes on ______ Germany could not repay; devastated economy • U.S. gave Germany a ______; everyone got paid back (with our own money) Other European countries resented it • Increased 900 import tariffs by an average 40-50% **Smoot-Hawley Act** Most economists blame it for ______ the **Great Depression** Also contributed to the start of WWII • Congress wanted to ______ American farmers from the now cheap agricultural imports O Sought to raise farm tariffs to the same level as tariffs on manufactured goods By 1929, the bill proposed tariffs on 20,000 imported goods Many knew it would become a ______to international trade Automobile **Business of America** Airplane Invention of new electrical appliances



- Advertising
 - Luring customers
- - Installment plan
 - o "Dollar down and a dollar forever"