

# Prohibition Webquest

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**Directions:** Use the websites below to answer the questions. Type your answers in complete sentences if needed.

**Go to:** <https://www.history.com/topics/roaring-twenties/prohibition>

- 1) What did the 18th Amendment ban in the United States?
- 2) Why was Prohibition challenging to enforce?
- 3) What Amendment repealed Prohibition? When did Prohibition end?

## **Origins of Prohibition**

- 4) Why did some states pass laws against alcohol during the 1820s and '30s?
- 5) What state passed the first prohibition laws?
- 6) Why did women play an active role in the temperance movement?
- 7) Name three groups that led a new wave of attacks on the sale of liquor in 1906.

## **Passage of the Prohibition Amendment**

- 8) Why did President Woodrow Wilson institute a temporary wartime prohibition after the United States entered World War I?
- 9) What year was the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment ratified?
- 10) Why did Congress put forth the National Prohibition Act? What was this legislation known as?

## **Enforcement of Prohibition**

- 11) Why was Prohibition enforced more strongly in rural areas and small towns?
- 12) What was the illegal manufacturing and sale of liquor called?
- 13) What were "speakeasies"?

14) Who was the most notorious criminal during the Prohibition era? How much did he earn annually from bootleg operations and speakeasies?

### **Prohibition Comes to an End**

15) What president called for an end to Prohibition?

16) What Amendment did Congress ratify in 1933 that repealed the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment? When did all states abandon the ban on alcohol?

**Go to:** <https://www.history.com/news/10-things-you-should-know-about-prohibition>

17) Who supported Prohibition in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century?

18) Why did World War I help turn the nation in favor of Prohibition?

19) What industry did anti-alcohol crusaders see as a threat to America during World War I?

20) Why wasn't it illegal to drink alcohol during Prohibition?

21) Why did some states refuse to enforce Prohibition?

22) What state never enacted an enforcement code and earned a reputation as one of the most anti-Prohibition states in the Union?

23) Where could someone purchase alcohol during Prohibition? What did you need from a doctor?

24) How did some brewers change their factories to stay in business during Prohibition?

25) How many people had died of drinking tainted alcohol before the repeal of the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment?

26) What did anti-Prohibition activists argue during the Great Depression?

27) How much did alcohol consumption decrease during Prohibition?

28) How many states still have counties where alcohol is prohibited?