

Prohibition – Part 1: historical causes

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Instructions:

1. After watching the video, read the questions carefully and choose the best answer **(A, B, C, or D)**.
 2. Take notes and be ready to explain the historical causes of the consumption of alcohol in the US.
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1. According to video, alcohol was considered _____ in early American history.

- A) A foreign import to be avoided
 - B) A common and accepted part of daily life
 - C) A dangerous social problem
 - D) A religious taboo
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2. What was the main cargo mentioned on the *Mayflower**?

- A) Rum for trade with Native Americans
- B) Beer for the Puritans' journey
- C) Wine for the ship's captain
- D) Whiskey for military use

*If you do not know what / who the *Mayflower* is, do some research.

3. What did George Washington try to ensure for his soldiers at Valley Forge?

- A) A daily ration of water and bread
 - B) Regular supplies of rum or whiskey
 - C) Imported French wines
 - D) Prohibition of alcohol during service
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4. Thomas Jefferson's dream was that:

- A) Americans would stop drinking alcohol.
 - B) American vineyards could rival those of France.
 - C) All citizens would drink cider instead of whiskey.
 - D) Alcohol would be banned by law.
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5. What happened during Andrew Jackson's inauguration celebration?

- A) Guests refused to drink alcohol.
 - B) The crowd was too small to celebrate.
 - C) Drunken guests damaged furniture, so the party moved outside.
 - D) The event was canceled due to a lack of alcohol.
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6. What can be inferred about Abraham Lincoln's early career?

- A) He refused to sell alcohol for moral reasons.
 - B) He was involved in the alcohol trade before becoming president.
 - C) He produced whiskey on his own farm.
 - D) He campaigned for Prohibition as a young man.
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7. The phrase "*Intoxicating liquor was used by everybody, repudiated by nobody*" suggests that:

- A) People drank in secret.
 - B) Alcohol use was socially unacceptable.
 - C) Alcohol consumption was widespread and accepted.
 - D) Only soldiers and politicians drank alcohol.
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8. What emotion did whiskey give Frederick Douglass?**

- A) Sadness and regret
- B) Confidence and dignity
- C) Confusion and anger
- D) Calmness and peace

** If you do not know who Frederick Douglass was, do some research on this historical figure.

9. The expression "*as American as apple pie*" most nearly means:

- A) Something foreign or imported
 - B) Something controversial
 - C) Something extremely typical of America
 - D) Something unhealthy but popular
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10. Which of the following best summarizes the attitude toward alcohol in early America?

- A) Alcohol was a symbol of rebellion.
 - B) Alcohol was a normal, celebrated part of life.
 - C) Alcohol was banned by religious leaders.
 - D) Alcohol was limited to the upper class.
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11. Which of these figures is NOT directly associated with drinking alcohol in the text?

- A) George Washington
- B) Abraham Lincoln
- C) Frederick Douglass
- D) Benjamin Franklin

Now, make a list of new words:

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