

## **USA Boom:** key words starter



Mission: to match and understand 8 unit key words with images and definitions.

Industry



Agriculture



Congress



Press



Democracy



Tariff



epublicar



emocrat



Money added to exported and imported goods

US political party - liberal, equal opportunities (Obama)

Voting to elect leaders

Making or processing of goods usually in a factory

**Newspapers / Journalists / Reporters** 

US political party - conservative, small government (Trump?)

Part of US government - includes Senate + House of Representatives

### **Farming**

Word	Definition	Translate / Similar

# **USA Boom:** unit key words

(a) Mission: to match and understand 24 unit key words and definitions.



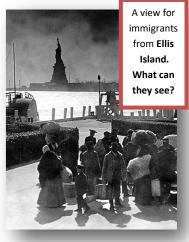
Word	Definition	Similar Word	
	A place where many types of people live together		
	To be unfairly treated	В	
	Lack of money		
Boom	A period of economic growth		Ī
	Newspapers / Journalists / Reporters	M	
	Gain		Ī
	Wanting		
	To do with money		i
	Freedom		
	Wealth		i
	The first 10 changes to the US Constitution		
	Making or processing of goods usually in a factory		i
	Adding a tax to an import or export		
	US political party - conservative, small government (Trump?)	G	i
	A time of economic collapse		
	Making or processing		i
	Part of US government - includes Senate + House of Representatives		
	Voting to elect leaders		Ī
	Farming		
	Meaning to leave alone - an economic policy / idea		Ī
	Rules or laws		
	A person who moves to another country	M	Ī
	Number of / amount		1
	US political party - liberal, equal opportunities (Obama)	D	Ī

## The USA 1900 - A Land of Opportunity?

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Mission: to consider if America really was a land of opportunity.

Freedom	Between the years 1850 and 1914 over forty immigrants left their home countries to begin a new life
	in America. They came from all over the, but most left from Europe. In fact about 10 percent of
Smart	Europe's population boarded the ships and travelled the Atlantic to begin their new American
	Over half of the 2000 people on the Titanic were migrants in search of a new This migration of
Million	people is the biggest in history. Most likely first sight of America would have been the Statue of
Man	A poem carved at the base of the statue reads 'Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled
Were	masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these homeless,
Their	tempest-tossed to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door.' Upon arrival, new comers taken to Ellis
111151	Island in New York. Then they had to pass various inspections and tests before becoming legally able to live and
Place	look for work. Many people turned away it but for those who made it through a new life awaited.
Droom	The experiences of these immigrants varied. For some the American became a reality - for example
Dream	Henry Ford's father had been an Irish immigrant. Another less well know immigrant recorded only as 'Tony' a
Food	Greek restaurant owner was recorded saying"When I came here I knew nothing, couldn't even speak English. I
, , ,	worked my way up, learning all the time I'm a success—in fact, I believe any worker with common
Liberty	sense can make it here". However, not all immigrants shared this view or experience. "I've had my finger broken
	and my thrown on the floor", noted an Irish immigrant in 1919. A modern historian accepts that some
Thousand	people were a success but overall immigrants got "the worst jobs and the worst pay".
Beginning	America is often described as a melting pot and in some ways a human experiment - huge number of races,
	cultures, nationalities and beliefs all living together. What can we learn from this experiment past and present?
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	1: What is the main message from the poem on the Statue of Liberty?
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Houd	2: Do you agree with Tony's view about what it takes to 'make it'?
Hard	
Where	3: Consider America today - can you see any repeating themes?
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### Famine EG Irish

potato famine.

### Natural Resources Oil, wood,

Wages

Higher here.

Especially skilled

and farmers.

Speech Religion Press

### The First **Americans**

'Indians'

### Blacks

Many were former slaves.

### Land

It had space. Areas to be settled.

## Overcrowding

In towns and cities. No land left to give.

minerals.

### Freedom of ...

### 'Old

Immigrants'

British, German, and Dutch. 'W.A.S.P.S'

### New **Immigrants**

Irish and Italians.

### Industrial Growth Needed workers.

# Unemployment

Some killed workers replaced by machines.

### New

### **Immigrants**

EG Japanese, Chinese, Mexicans.

### Strict class societies

Rich Middle Working

### Persecution

EG - Jewish Pogroms in Russia.

## The American

New **Immigrants** 

Eastern Europeans.







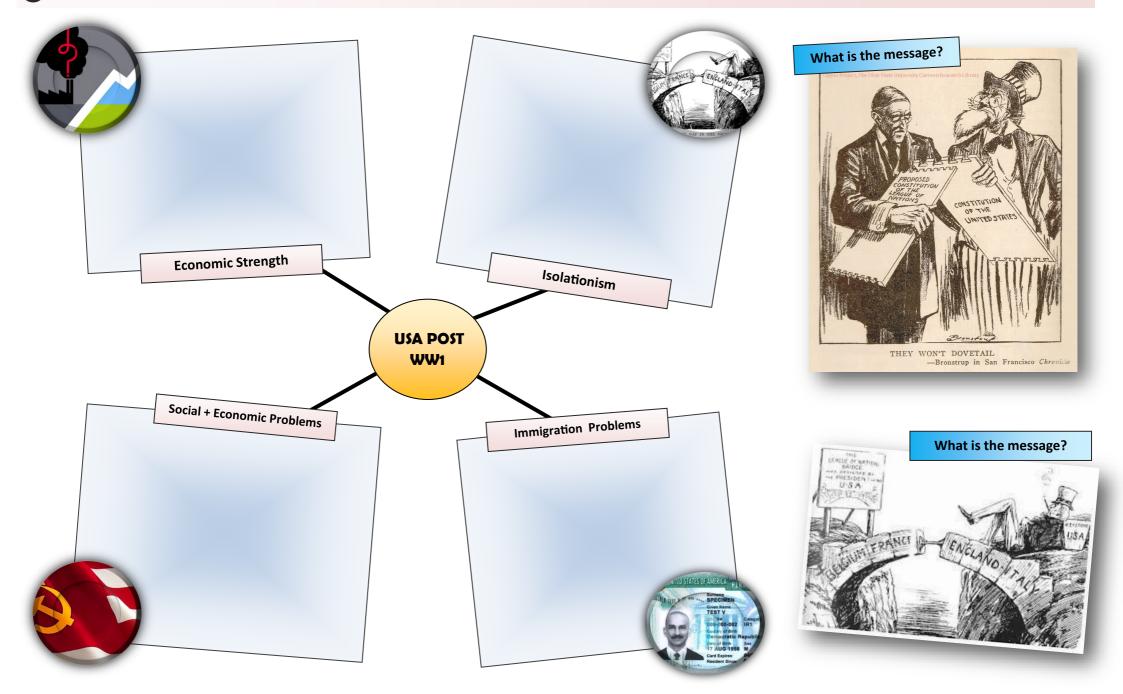


Colour code or label WHO was in the MELTING POT and then WHY they came. **Pushed or Pulled?** 



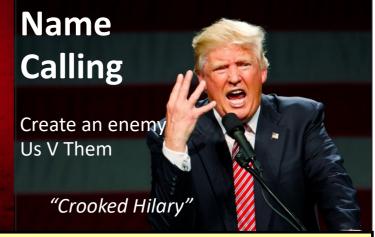
## How did the USA emerge from the First World?

Research and revision: make notes for revision to show how the First World War changed the Unites States of America.



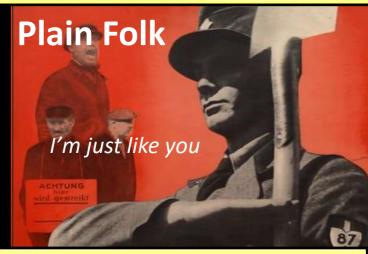








Nine
Propaganda
Devices









## 1920s USA: Why Did the Economy Boom?

Mission: to discover why the American economy boomed during the 1920s.





### The Rise of a Superpower

There were a number of reasons why the USA became the leading world power during the 1920's. The following sources will further explain the main reasons listed below.



Impact of WW1



Republican **Policies** 



Industrial Strength





Other Reasons

Republican Presidents were in office from 1921 to 1933. They followed a policy of laissez faire, meaning that the government interfered as little as possible in the running of the economy. Instead, they believed that business should get on with the process of creating jobs and wealth. The government helped in this by keeping taxes as low as possible. This also allowed businesses to invest more money, expand and giving consumers more money to keep spending.

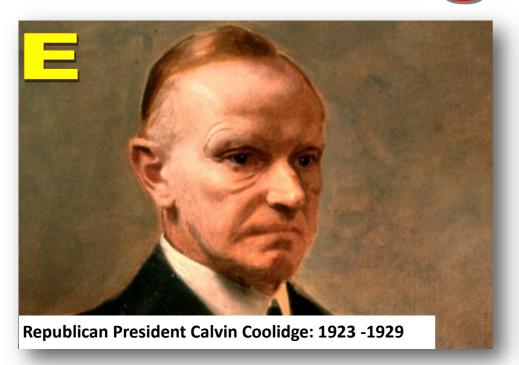
**BBC Bitesize Revision Extract** 



The period from 1920 - 29 is often called the 'Roaring Twenties' because it was a time of noise, lively action and economic prosperity. The First World War had been good for American business. Factory production had risen sharply to meet the needs of the war. America had been able to capture markets that used to buy from Europe. Once the war was over these countries continued to buy

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American goods.



The Americans stayed out of fighting in the First World War until 1917, but throughout the war they lent money to the Allies, and sold weapons and food to Britain and France. This one way trade gave American industry a real head start before the 1920's. In addition, while European colonial powers fought it out, the Americans were able to take advantage and fill the global trade gap created. There were other benefits too. Before the war Germany had had one of the most successful chemical industries. The war stopped this in its tracks and by the end of the war the USA had taken over Germany in the supply of chemical products. When the USA did join the fighting in 1917, it was not in the war long enough for the war to drain it's morale and resources like it had drained Europe's.

The Republican Presidents - Harding, Coolidge and Hoover, tried to help American businesses by increasing taxes on foreign imports. This was achieved with a new law called the **Fordney – McCumber Tarriff Act in 1922**. These new import taxes were called 'Tariffs' and made goods that were made outside of the USA more expensive to buy. This encouraged Americans to buy goods made in the USA and led to a boom in the amount of goods being made and sold by American businesses.

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Electrical power was introduced in factories to drive machinery, and thus it became possible to introduce *mass-production* to a number of factories, eg refrigerators, washing machines, vacuum cleaners and radio sets The car industry is the best example of mass-production during the period. Henry Ford was a pioneer with his idea of mass producing affordable cars for the people of America. As he produced more and more cars, he could reduce his prices. By 1925 the price of a car was around \$290, which was much cheaper than the price of \$850 in 1908. Henry Ford was of the opinion that it was better to sell more cars for a small profit, as that meant employing more workers. By 1929 Americans owned 23 million cars. The workers earnt good wages (\$5 per day), thousands of jobs were created, roads were built, petrol stations were built, as were hotels and restaurants. Therefore the **entire** economy was given a substantial boost due to the car industry





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"Work is planned on the drawing board and the operations sub – divided so that each man and each machine do only one thing ... the thing is to keep everything in motion and take the work to the man not the man to the work."

Henry Ford c 1924

Ever since the 1870s, American industry had been growing quickly. By the time of the First World War, the USA led the world in most areas of industry. It was the leading oil producer. It was leading in developing new technology such as motor cars, telephones and electric lightning. In fact electricity and electrical goods were a key factor in the economic boom. Other new industries such as chemicals were also growing fast. The managers of these new industries were increasingly skilled and professional, and they were selling more and more of their products in the USA and in Europe, Latin America and the Far East.

Ben Walsh-Modern World History

The Republicans allowed the development of trusts. These were super corporations, which dominated industry. Woodrow Wilson and the Democrats had fought against the idea of trusts because they believed it was unhealthy for men such as Carnegie (steel) and Rockefeller (oil ) to have a monopoly (complete control) of a whole industry. Republicans allowed the trusts to do what they wanted, believing that these 'captains of industry' knew better than anyone what was good for the USA.

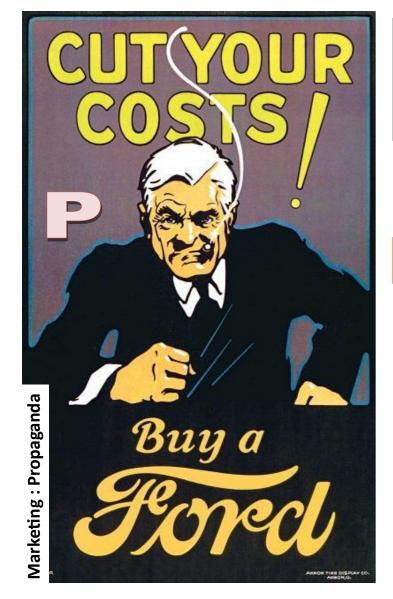
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Textbook











'The Republicans kept taxes as low as possible. This brought some benefits to ordinary working people, but it brought even more to the very wealthy. The Republican thinking was that if people kept their own money they would spend it on American goods and wealthy people would invest their money into industries.'

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In order to help American people to purchase the new goods that were available, systems of hire-purchase and credit were introduced. This meant that a person could buy something by paying for it on a monthly basis. As a result, the majority of Americans could afford expensive goods. In order to encourage Americans to take advantage of the scheme, advertisements were placed on roadsides, on the radio, in newspapers and in cinemas. During the same period, chain stores appeared for the first time, eg J P Penney. Catalogue shopping also became fashionable as it was a convenient way of buying goods.

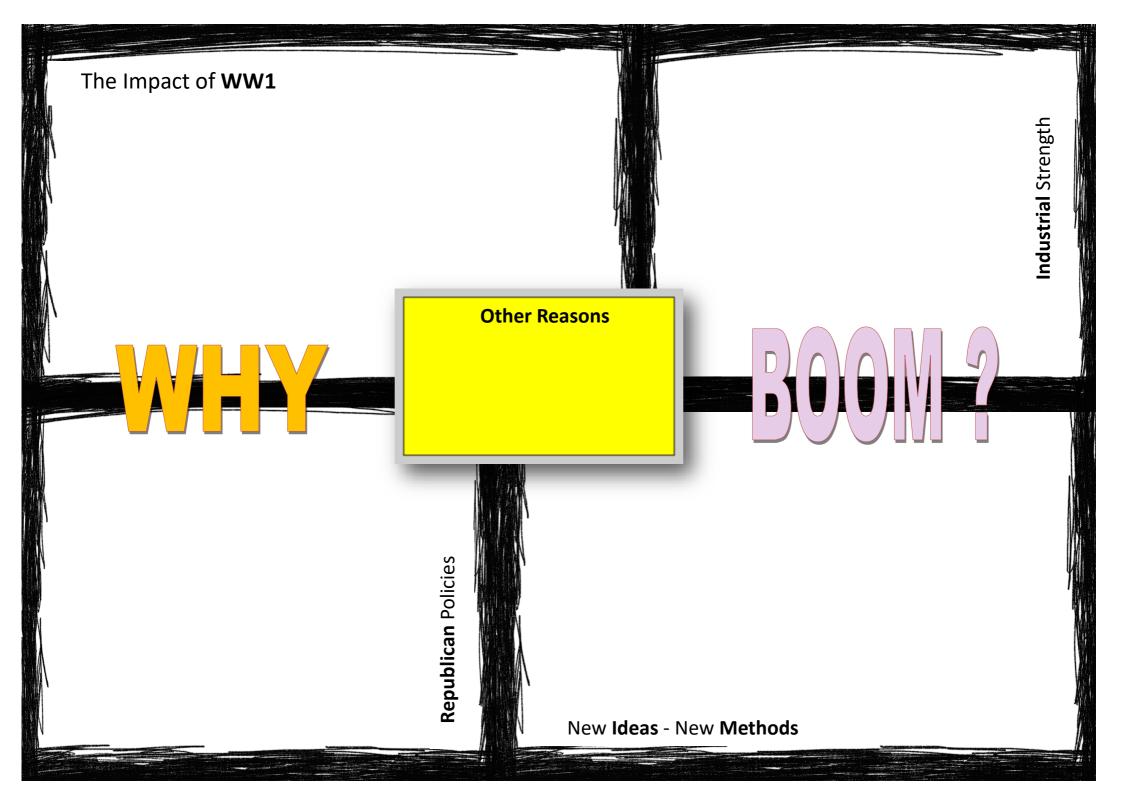
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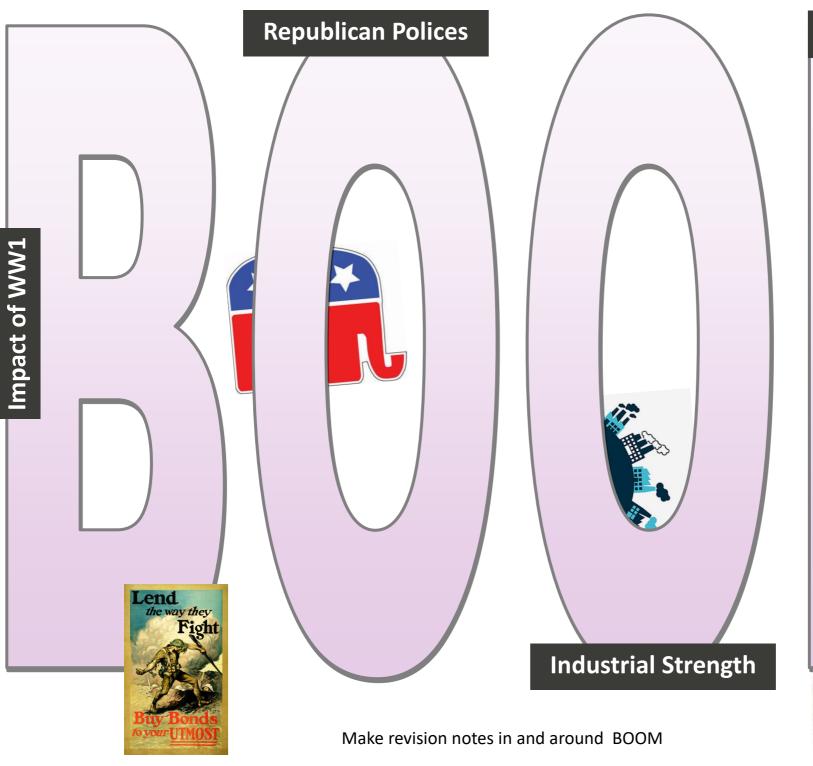


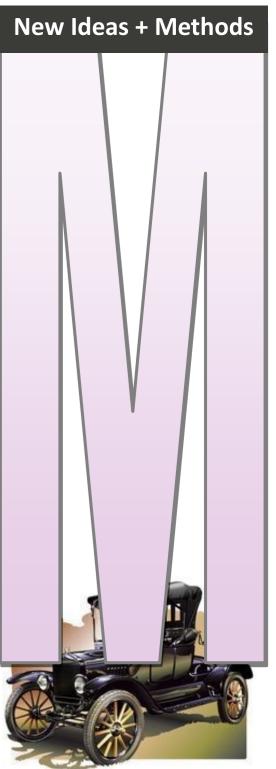
The USA was a vast (very big ) country, rich in natural resources. It had a growing population, c120 million by 1923. Most of the population was living in towns and cites. Most worked in industry and usually earning higher wages than in farming. These new town dwellers became an important market for the USA's new industries. Most companies had no need to export outside of the US and had access to all the raw materials they needed.

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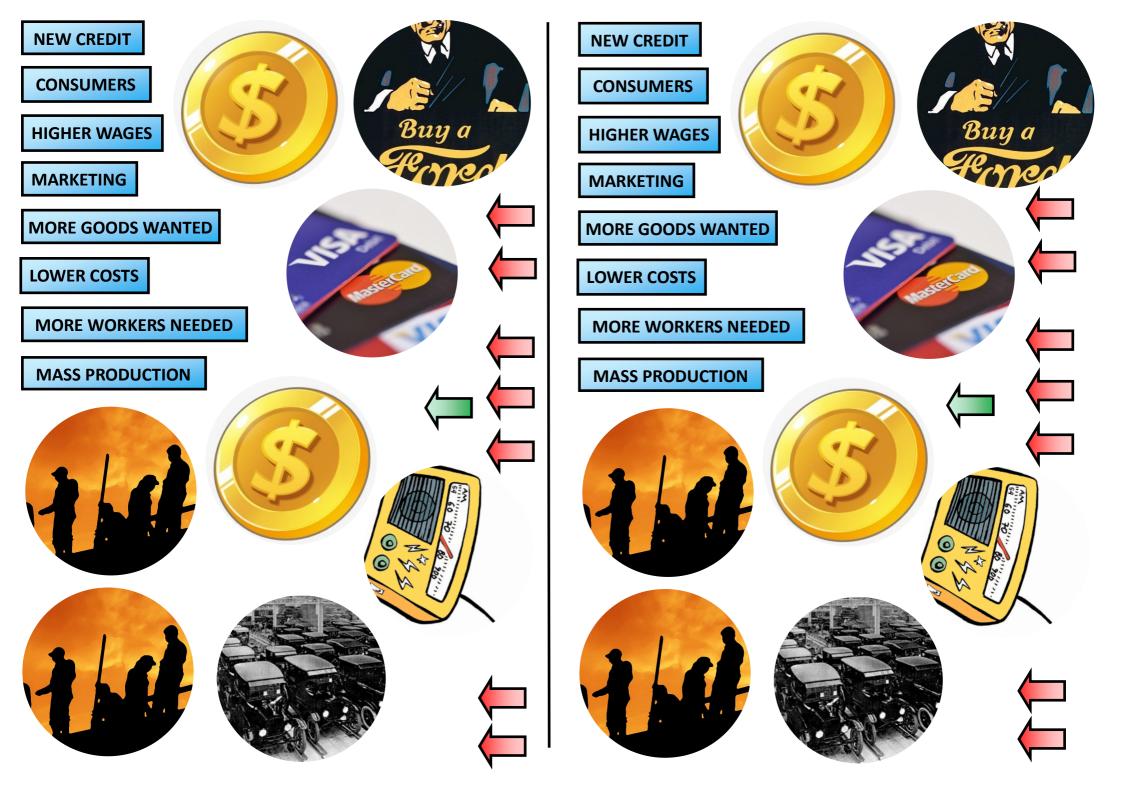
The Cycle of Prosperity









































## The cartoon about a man leaning on a rake

Know: how to identify the main features of a cartoon Understand: how to interpret these features Skill: cartoon analysis + evaluation.



ESCRIBE the m	ain features of the	e cartoon / poster	

Political Cartoon
Origins / Provenance - 1920s USA

Reliable message or not? (circle a score below)

**Unreliable** 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 **Reliable** 

## Why Did The American Economy Boom?

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## Why Did The American Economy Boom?

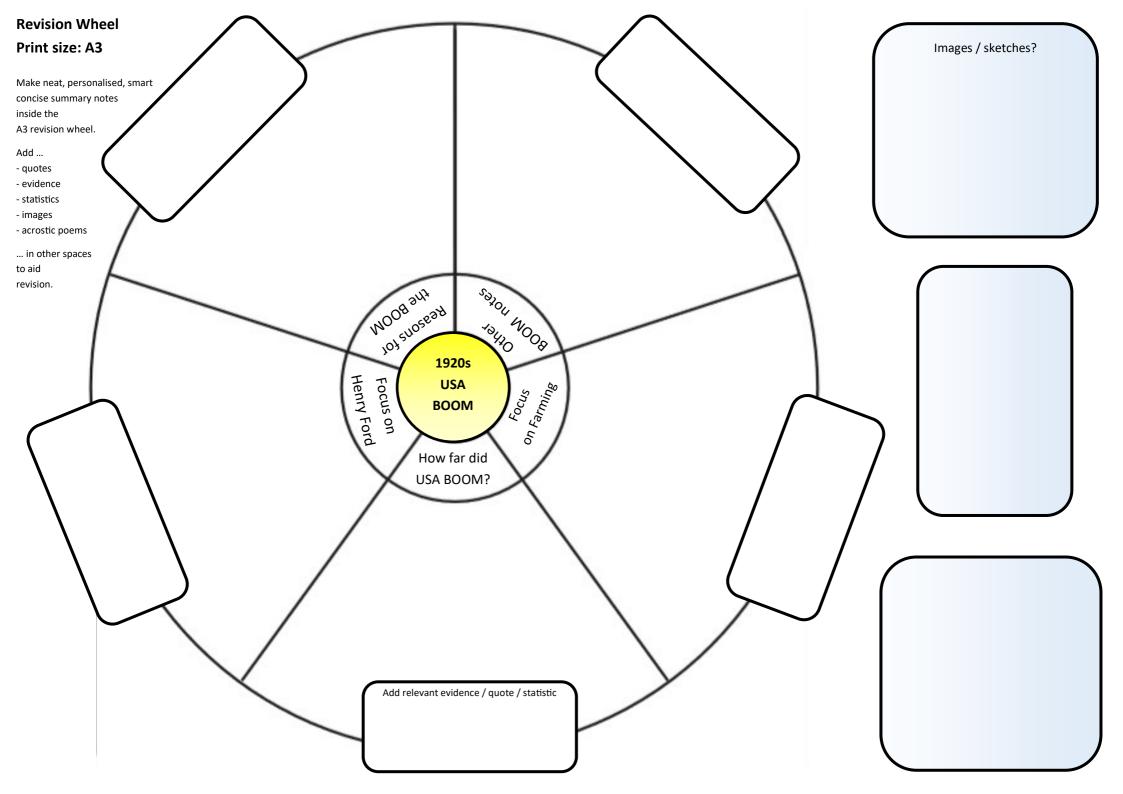
**Mission:** use the sources and understand reasons for the economic boom.

Major Reasons For The Boom 1= Impact of WW1

> 2= Republican Policies 3= Industrial Strength 4= New Ideas + Methods

	Key Point	Explain / develop	1	2	3	4
Α	Policy of Laissez Faire	This Republican policy gave businesses a lot of freedom to grow without interference from the government.	$\bigcirc$	0	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
В	Marketing and advertisements	Companies became skilled at selling products to the American consumer - even things they didn't need!	0	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
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# USA in the 1920s - Boom

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