**Chapter 33 Questions**

1. The three republican presidents of the 1920s took the country from a postwar recession to the heights of spectacular prosperity by retreating from what to embracing what?
2. What was the foreign policy approach that these Republican presidents led the country to follow?
3. What does this passage say about Presidents Harding’s character? “The difference between George Washington and Warren Harding ran a current quip, was that while Washington could not tell a lie, Harding could not tell a liar.”
4. President Harding, who admitted he had a mediocre mind, promised to surround himself with the “best minds” of the party. Did he live up to that promise? Explain in detail citing specific examples.
5. Explain this quote, “This new Old Guard hoped to improve on the old business doctrine of laissez-faire. Their plea was not simply for government to keep hands off business, but for government to help guide business along the path to profits.”
6. What did the Supreme Court rule in Adkins v. Children’s Hospital (1923)? What previous ruling did this case overturn?
7. What did the Esch-Cummins Transportation Act of 1920 do?
8. What was the fate of the labor union movement during the 1920’s?
9. Unlike labor union members, war veterans did make gains during the 1920’s. What were these gains.
10. Although Harding and the other republicans of this era preferred to isolate the U.S. from foreign concerns, especially European, what part of the world could he not ignore?
11. Those concerned about the costs of naval build up pushed for and got the Washington Conference in 1921-1922. What treaties were passed at this conference and what did each one do
12. What did the Pact of Paris or the Kellogg Briand Pact of 1928 require of the 62 nations that signed it?
13. What was the Kellogg Briand Pact’s greatest weakness?
14. The Fordney-McCumber Tariff Law of 1922 indicated a return to what?
15. What does this quote mean? “Erecting tariff was a game that two could play.”
16. What was the Teapot Dome scandal?
17. Describe two other scandals from Harding’s administration.
18. What happened to Harding on August 2, 1923?
19. Why was Calvin Coolidge a good fit to be the President after Harding and his foul smelling administration?
20. What did Coolidge mean when he said, “America’s business is business.”?
21. What was the farmer’s plight in the 1920’s?
22. What did the McNary Haugen Bill propose?
23. Why did Coolidge veto the McNary Haugen Bill?
24. Explain this quote and its consequences. “…the party was hopelessly split between “wets” and “dries,” urbanites and farmers, Fundamentalists and Modernists, northern liberals and southern stand-patters, immigrants and old-stock Americans.”
25. Describe how the Dawes Plan of 1924 tried to solve the debt problem in Europe?
26. Ultimately the Dawes Plan did not work. In its failure, what negative impact did it have?
27. Explain why Hoover defeats Smith in the 1928 presidential election.
28. What was Hoover’s initial response to the Great Depression?
29. What did the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1929 attempt to do?
30. Why was Hawley Smoot tariff a mistake?
31. What was the Reconstruction Finance Corporation (RFC)? How was it intended to work?
32. What was the Bonus Army and what did it attempt to do?
33. What was the impact of the Bonus Army’s rout?
34. What were the causes of the Great Depression?

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1. Who was the “champion of the dispossessed”?
2. What was the platform of the Democratic Party in 1932?
3. What was politically notable about the 1932 presidential election?
4. Why did Hoover want Roosevelt to commit to working with him during the lame duck period?
5. Know which aspect of the New Deal that the following programs primary fulfilled:
   1. WPA
   2. PWA
   3. CCC
   4. NIRA
   5. Social Security Act
   6. AAA
   7. FERA
   8. Glass Steagall Banking Act
6. What was the most pressing problem facing FDR when he took over?
7. What was the purpose of “managed currency”?
8. What was probably the most radical, complex, and popular of the New Deal programs?
9. Know the “radical fringe” critics and their causes.
10. What were the goals of the Work Progress Administration (WPA)?
11. What were problems the NRA was having even before the Supreme Court got involved?
12. How did the 1st AAA intend to help farmers?
13. What did the 20th and 21st amendments do?
14. What were the causes of the Dust Bowl?
15. What was the goal of the Indian Reorganization Act?
16. Where did most “Okies” go and how did they, particularly in CA, escape the uncertainty of seasonal farm labor?
17. Why was the TVA criticized?
18. What did the Social Security Act of 1935 provide?
19. What was important about the Wagner Act (National Labor Relations Act) of 1935? Who was it most beneficial to?
20. What was the primary interest of the Congress of Industrial Organization (CIO)?
21. Why did FDR want to “pact the court?”
22. What was the result of the “Roosevelt Recession?”
23. Why did the U.S. decide to grant the Philippines independence?
24. What was the main aspect of FDR’s foreign trade policy?