

# Questions for Discussion

## Politics (1:38 - 10:17)

1. What was the Kellogg-Briand Pact? How do you know that it was not very effective?
2. What happened that brought Calvin Coolidge to the presidency? Name another time in the United States history that this occurred.
3. What do you think Calvin Coolidge meant by his statement, "The business of America is business?"
4. Explain what the Teapot Dome Scandal was about.
5. What was prohibition? How did it affect society?
6. Who were the two famous lawyers involved in the Scopes trial? Discuss what the trial was about.
7. How did most Americans measure prosperity during the 20's? Do you think this is true in today's world?
8. What groups were the major supporters of Herbert Hoover for president in the 1928 election? Why?
9. What occurred in 1929 that changed the economy of the nation? Explain.

## How We Lived (10:18 - 18:11)

10. Why were most of the farmers going through a depression while the rest of the country was flourishing in prosperity?
11. How did the new farm technology of the times affect the farm communities?
12. What fueled the prosperity of the nation during this decade? Explain.
13. Explain why the men's business suit became so important during the 20's.
14. What was the 19th Amendment and how did it change this era?
15. How did the onset of "chain stores" and advertising change the buying habits of Americans? Explain.
16. Name some of the items that a middle-class family of this period considered as conveniences for modern living? How would this compare to today?

## ***Questions for Discussion (continued)***

### **people (18:14 - 19:31)**

17. Of all the famous personalities of this decade, which was considered the greatest hero of them all? Why?

### **Science and Technology (19:34 - 28:45)**

18. What modern invention changed the economy and the face of America? Explain.

19. How did Henry Ford revolutionize the auto industry? What was its effect on other industries?

20. Where was most state and federal money spent during the 20's? Why?

21. What major industrial changes were happening during this period?

22. What was a "crystal set" and what was its importance?

23. How did the invention of refrigeration change the diet of America?

24. What major changes in mail delivery occurred during this period? Explain.

25. How did Charles Lindberg's flight influence the airplane industry? Explain.