Chapter 11 – Sect. 5

Cultural Conflicts



Prohibition

- Banning of all alcoholic beverages
- 18th amendment 1920



Volstead Act

- Law that enforced prohibition
- Rural areas obeyed cities did not



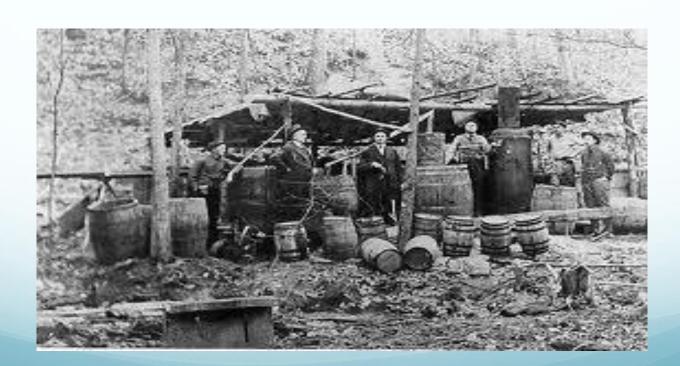
Bootlegger

Someone who illegally supplied alcohol



How'd they get their whiskey?

- Import from Canada
- Operate own stills



Speakeasies

- Illegal bars in the cities
- Had to know password or show card to get in



Organized Crime

- Large underground organizations which distributed alcohol and other illegal activities like gambling and prostitution
- On outside fronted as a legitimate business



City Streets = Battlegrounds

Rival gangsters competed with machine guns



Racketeering

- Forced local businesses to pay a fee for "protection"
- If you refused you would be gunned down or business blown up



Al Capone – a.k.a. "Scarface"

- Ruthless leader of Chicago's organized crime network
- Made millions bootlegging

• "ran" the city by bribing or threatening police

and judges



St. Valentine's Day Massacre

- Valentine's Day 1929
- Capone's thugs disguised as cops pretended to arrest and then gunned down rival gang
- Changed public perception no longer Robin Hoods, but cold-blooded killers





How did they stop them?

- Created the FBI
- J. Edgar Hoover was director
- Elliott Ness assigned to bring down Capone
- Finally convicted for tax evasion





Wanted Poster



- You have been hired by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to create a "Wanted Poster"
- Your poster should be tied to Al Capone and/or the
 St. Valentine's Day Massacre
- Be sure to include some of the charges that they are being sought for (racketeering, gambling, selling illegal alcohol, etc.)
 - You can offer a cash reward if you so choose

Notebook Check

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- Work on Crossword Puzzle Review Sheet