

Honors U.S. History
“The History Channel - Boom”
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Answer each of the following as you view the documentary:

1. Describe the new breed of pioneer on the frontier.
2. How much oil was sitting beneath Texas in today's value?
3. According to historian H.W. Brands, what changed people's opinions concerning oil?
4. How did Native Americans use oil?
5. What discovery increased demand for oil?
6. A ton of coal contains _____ the energy of a ton of oil.
7. Describe the dangers of drilling for oil.
8. Describe the innovation of the Hamill brothers that involved cows.
9. How many barrels a day would this well at “Spindle Top” eventually produce?
10. What changes did this discovery bring about in the United States?
11. Today, the average American drives the equivalent of how many round trips to the moon?
12. Describe Henry Ford.
13. How would his automobiles be different from the market norm?
14. Describe Ford's “revolutionary way” of making cars.
15. In 1913, a Model T cost _____ years wages, but by 1924 it was just _____ months.
16. Describe the impact of the Model T.
17. How did the automobile impact American psychology?
18. How many miles does America drive annually today?

19. Describe the “feverish land grab” that took place in Los Angeles.
20. What other vital ingredient fueled LA’s growth?
21. Who was William Mulholland? Explain his significance.
22. Describe the LA aqueduct project.
23. Describe the impact of World War I on America’s economy.
24. Between 1915 and 1930, how many African Americans move North? Why?
25. Why did so many head to the Ford plant in Detroit?
26. Describe the response of some white workers to the Great Migration.
27. What happened to Eugene Williams at the beach? Significance?
28. In how many cities did race riots erupt during the Red Summer?
29. In 1928, who was the first black congressman elected in the North?
30. Describe American cities in the 20th century.
31. For what reasons did so many Americans call for Prohibition, or the 18th Amendment?
32. How did Prohibition create a new criminal class in the 1920s?
33. In what way did Prohibition bring about a new American pastime?
34. Who was the most notorious gangster of all during Prohibition?
35. Describe the significance of the St. Valentine’s Day Massacre.
36. What did it mean for a cop to be “on the take?”
37. Who was Calvin Goddard? What did he discover about the massacre?
38. What amendment to the Constitution created the income tax?
39. How was Al Capone eventually taken down?
40. What was his sentence?