

Lecture 5

The USA

The Roaring Twenties

The Great Depression



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Plan

- The Roaring Twenties
- Depression Years



The Roaring Twenties

- 1920-1930
- Cars - 1908 – Henry Ford – Model T – 1908-1927 15 mln cars
- Dancing - Charleston
- Radio – jazz bands and symphony orchestras
- Cinema – Charlie Chaplin, Rudolph Valentino and Gloria Swanson – “talkies”
- Sports – Gertrude Ederle
- Aeroplane pilot – Charles Lindbergh – 1927 from New York to Paris
- Stocks – Stock market
- Advertising
- Installment buying
- Washing machines, refrigerators and vacuum cleaners



Depression Years

- In October 1929 – stock prices fell
- Tuesday, October 29, 1929 – Black Tuesday
- By 1932 – 1/4, part time job, lined up for free plates of soup or tramped



The New Deal

- 1932 – Franklin Delano Roosevelt
- College professors, business people, economists and labour experts – the Brain Trust
- Building new roads, schools, hospitals, bridges, tunnels and dams



Questions

- Name the most famous American car inventor.
- What is Charles Lindbergh famous for?
- Who was the most famous actors of the silent films?
- How did the trouble begin in October 1929?
- What happened on Black Tuesday?
- Who was elected President in 1932?
- How did people call Roosevelt's Government?
- How did Roosevelt call his new political course?

