

What is happening here?



# The Volstead Act

Aim: to understand why the law was passed and its impact on America



# Prohibition

## Learning Goal

To understand what the Volstead Act was

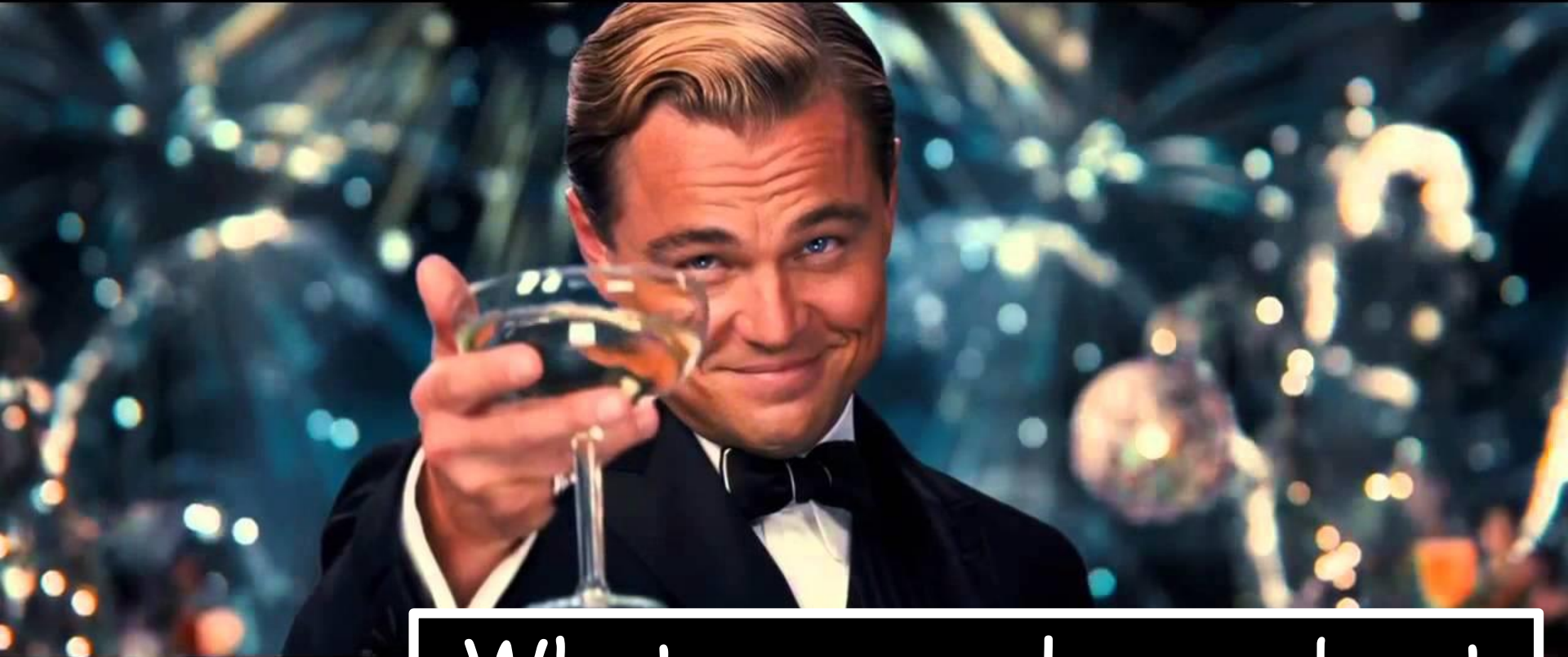
G-D: To describe why the Act was introduced

C-B: To explain the effects of the Act

A-A\*: To be able to explain its impact on America

What would happen if mints were banned in school.





What can you learn about  
the effects of prohibition

JODIE FOSTER

SCOTT BAIO



"... 'Bugsy Malone' is like nothing else...  
and it has yet  
another special performance by Jodie Foster..."  
— Roger Ebert, CHICAGO SUN-TIMES

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NOrgDbldcA4>

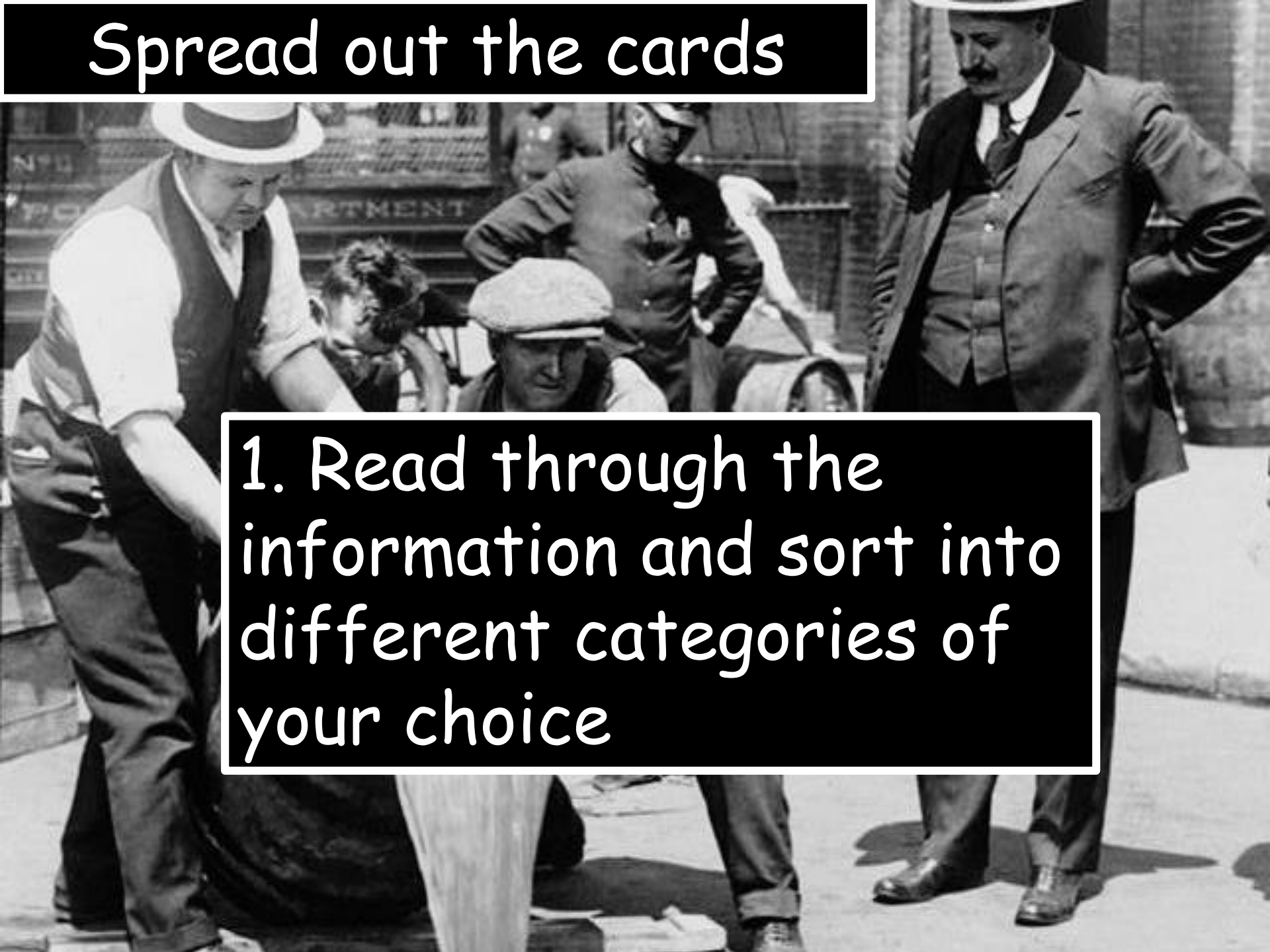
What can you learn about the effects of prohibition



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2pjH\\_dQQDg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2pjH_dQQDg)

Spread out the cards

1. Read through the information and sort into different categories of your choice



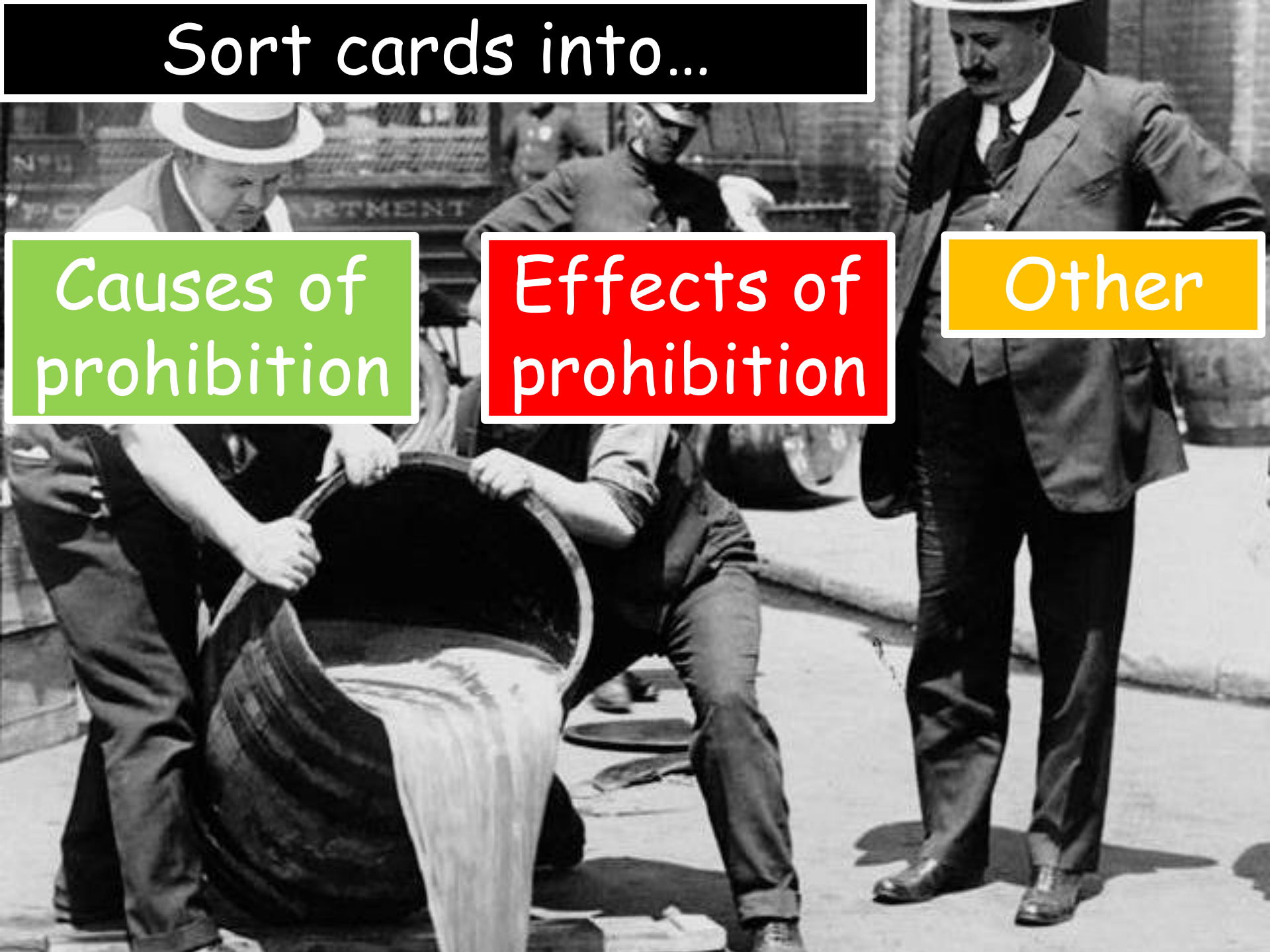


Sort cards into...

Causes of  
prohibition

Effects of  
prohibition

Other



1) Describe the reasons why Prohibition was introduced. (6)

2) Explain the impact of Prohibition on American society (8)

# Causes of prohibition

The **Anti-Saloon League** claimed that alcoholism led to 'idleness' and crime

Those who called for Prohibition cited **violence by drunk husbands** towards their wives and children

A lot of beer was imported from Germany. In the aftermath of World War One, **anti-German feeling** was running high

The **Volstead Act** was passed in 1919, making it illegal to make or sell alcohol in America.

WASPs sometimes associated alcohol consumption with immigrant communities, and anti-alcohol campaigners played on the **prejudice towards immigrants**

It was **difficult to enforce**: by 1929 40,000 people were in jail for Prohibition offences, and 1,360 people had been killed by police trying to enforce the law.

Secret bars or clubs called **speakeasies** were set up to sell alcohol illegally. They were controlled by gangsters.

**Gangsters** quickly took over the supply of alcohol. They soon became extremely rich and powerful through **bribery and violence**.

Many officials, including **police and politicians**, took bribes from gangsters to ignore the trade in alcohol.

It was clear that the law had been unsuccessful. It was **repealed** in 1933.

# Effects of prohibition

People set up **secret distilleries** on farms to produce illegal alcohol

**Bootleggers** (smugglers working for gangsters) smuggled alcohol across the border from Canada

**Alcohol-related crimes** actually increased during the Prohibition era

**Alcohol was just too popular!** People would find a way of getting hold of it...

# Progress???

	NO	A BIT (What would we need to do to move to yes?)	YES
Can we explain WHY Prohibition was introduced?			
Can we describe its impact/ effect it had on America in the 1920s?			



Can we answer our questions from the beginning of the lesson?

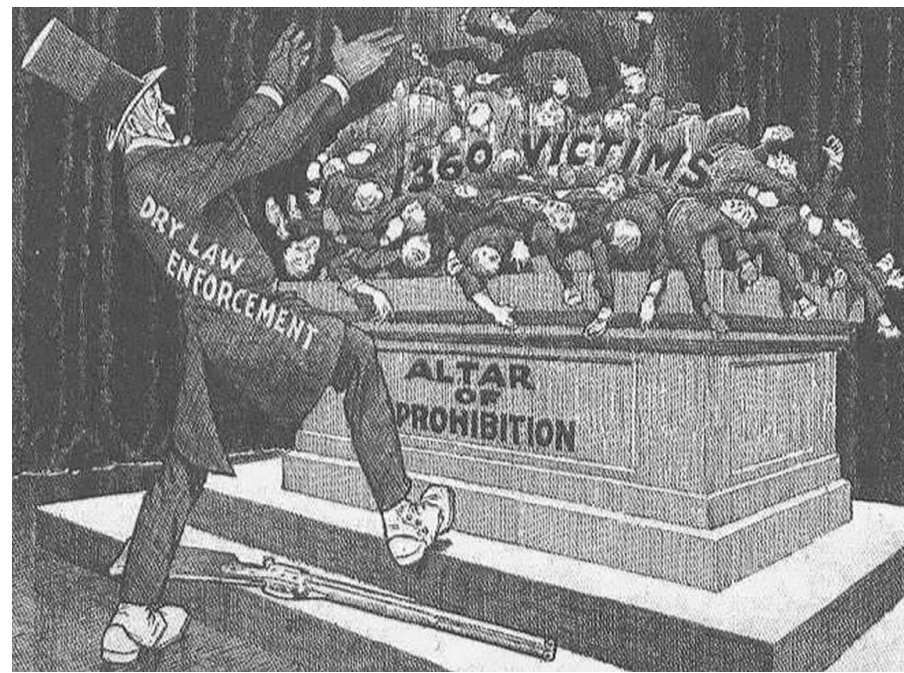
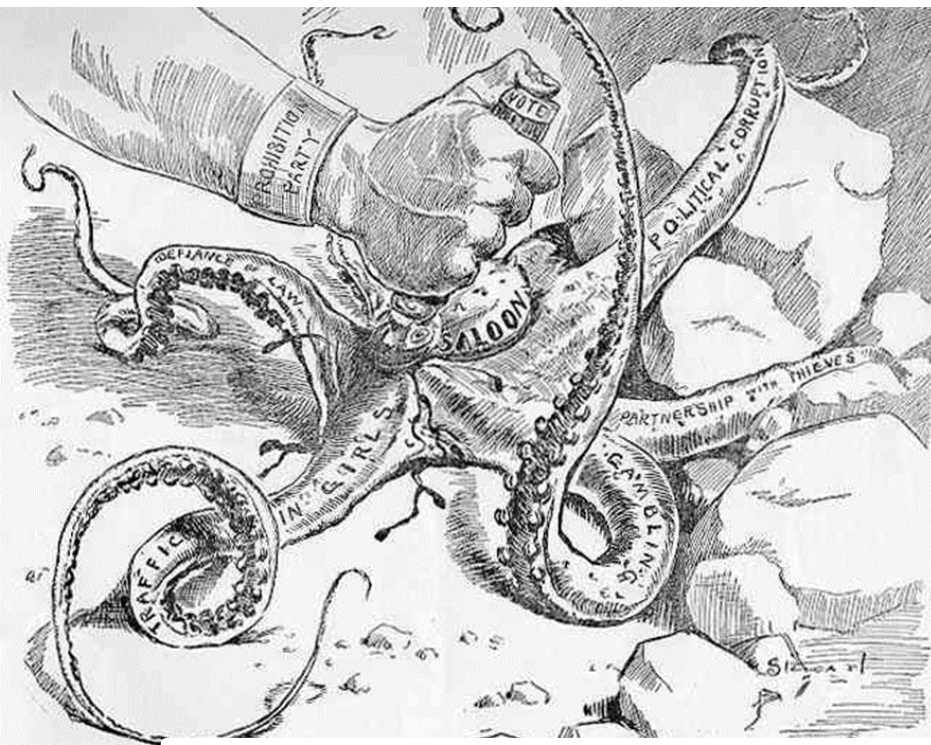
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Introduction: Keywords

Point 1: PEE

Point 2: PEE

Point 3: PEE



Stick in the sources  
What can you learn from these sources about prohibition?

