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Study the vocabulary words and definitions below.

Black Tuesday name given to October 9, 1929, when stock prices fell sharply

bootleggers people who smuggled alcoholic beverages into the United States during Prohibition

credit an arrangement in which a buyer pays later for a purchase, often on an installment plan with interest charges

Dow Jones Industrial Average ... a measure based on the prices of the stocks of 30 large companies, widely used as a gauge of the stock market's health

Dust Bowl the region, extending from Texas to North Dakota, made worthless for farming by drought and dust storms during the 1930s

flapper one of the freethinking young women who embraced the new fashions and urban attitudes of the 1920s

Franklin D. Roosevelt President from 1933 to 1945; created the "New Deal" program, which eased the hardship of the Depression for Americans

Great Depression a period lasting from 1929 to 1941, during which the United States economy was in a severe decline and millions of Americans were unemployed

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Harlem Renaissance a flowering of African-American artistic creativity during the 1920s centered in the Harlem community of New York City

installment plan an arrangement in which a purchaser pays over an extended period of time without having to put down money at the time of purchase

NAACP the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; an organization founded in 1909 to promote full racial equality

New Deal President Franklin D. Roosevelt's program to alleviate the problems of the Great Depression, focusing on the relief for the needy, economic recovery, and financial reform

Prohibition the legal banning of the manufacture, transportation, and sale of alcoholic beverages

Social Security Act a law enacted in 1935 to provide aid to retirees, the unemployed, people with disabilities, and dependent mothers and children

speakeasies places where alcoholic drinks were sold and consumed illegally during Prohibition

stock market the place where shares of businesses (stock) are bought and sold

urbanization the growth of cities