The Simple AP® US History Unit 7 Cheat Sheet

7.1–7.3 Context, Imperialism & 1898

Period 7 Big Picture

Shift: farm nation → industrial, urban world power; fed. govt does more (Progressives → New Deal).
Frontier closed (1890) + **Mahan** (sea power, big navy) → look for overseas markets & bases.
Hawaii: planters oust queen (1893); annexed 1898.

Imperialism Debate

Side	Arguments
Pro: Mahan, TR	markets, naval bases
Pro: Soc. Darwinists	"civilize" others
Anti-Imperialists	hypocrisy, racism

Spanish–American War (1898)

Causes: Cuban revolt, **yellow journalism** (sensational news), USS **Maine** sinks.
Platt Amend. (1901): US may intervene in Cuba; keeps Guantánamo (repealed 1934).
Treaty of Paris: US gets Puerto Rico, Guam, Philippines → **Philippine–Am. War**.

Policy After 1898

Open Door (Hay, 1899): equal trade in China.
Roosevelt Corollary (1904): US polices Lat. Am. (Big Stick) **Panama Canal** (1914).
Dollar Diplomacy (Taft): investment as influence.
Wilson: troops to Mexico, Haiti.

⚠ Overseas empire extends Manifest Destiny but shifts from land → markets & bases.

✓ Tie imperialism to industrial surplus + closed frontier + Mahan (LEQ/DBQ causation).

7.4 The Progressives

Who & Why

Progressives: urban, middle-class reformers → use govt & experts to fix industrial problems.
Muckrakers (exposé writers): Riis, Sinclair (*The Jungle*), Tarbell (Standard Oil), Steffens.

Reform Goals

Goal	Examples
Democracy	17th Amend., recall
Regulate econ.	Clayton Act, Fed
Social	Hull House, 18th
Women	19th Amend. (1920)

Presidents

TR's Square Deal: trust-busting (Northern Securities), 1902 coal strike, Pure Food & Drug Act.
Conservation: TR protects nat'l forests & parks.
Wilson's New Freedom: Clayton Act, FTC, Federal Reserve, lower tariff + income tax (1913).
State level: La Follette's Wisconsin reforms; **Triangle fire** (1911) → safety laws.

Limits

Race: most ignored Jim Crow. **Du Bois** (NAACP) vs. **Washington** (accommodation).
Ida B. Wells: anti-lynching crusade. **Suffrage**: Catt (state by state) vs. Paul (protests).

⚠ Progressives ≠ Populists: urban, middle-class, expert-led vs. rural farmers (Period 6).

✓ Progressive Era → New Deal: same active-govt idea, bigger scale (great LEQ thread).

7.5–7.6 World War I

Neutrality → War

Neutral 1914, but trade & loans favor Allies.
Unrestricted sub warfare (Lusitania 1915) + **Zimmermann Telegram** → war, April 1917.
AEF (Pershing): arrives late but helps win 1918 offensives (~2M troops; ~117k US dead).

Peace Fight

14 Points: self-determination, **League of Nations**.
Versailles: Senate rejects (Lodge; Wilson won't compromise) → US never joins League.
Why rejected: fear Art. X would drag US into foreign wars without a vote of Congress.

Home Front

Law / agency	Effect
War Industries Bd.	runs production
CPI (Creel)	propaganda
Espionage/Sedition	jail critics
Schenck v. US	limits free speech

Great Migration: Black Southerners → N. war jobs; race riots (Chicago, Red Summer 1919).
Red Scare (1919–20): strikes, bombs, fear of radicals → **Palmer Raids** and deportations.
Women: war work + pressure from Catt and Alice Paul boost suffrage → **19th Amend.** (1920).

⚠ War curbed civil liberties (Espionage Act, Schenck): key change-over-time point.

✓ Compare WWI & WWII home fronts: both grow fed. power; WWII on a far bigger scale.

7.7 1920s Innovation & Economy

Consumer Economy

Assembly line (Ford, Model T): cheap cars → roads, suburbs, oil, steel, rubber.
Credit (installment plans: buy now, pay later) → cars, radios, appliances; consumer debt ↑.
Electricity + appliances reshape homes; most rural areas lag until the REA (1935).

Innovation	Effect
Autos	mobility, suburbs
Radio	nat'l mass culture
Movies	shared stars, values
Advertising	consumerism

1920 census: more urban than rural for 1st time.
Celebrities: Babe Ruth, Lindbergh (1927 flight), Chaplin → shared nat'l culture via radio.

Republican Policy

Harding, Coolidge, Hoover: pro-business, tax cuts, high tariffs, little regulation.
Teapot Dome: Harding-era oil-lease bribery scandal (Interior Sec. Fall jailed).

Weak Spots

Farm depression: overproduction after WWI → low prices, debt, foreclosures all decade.
Wealth gap + **margin buying** (stocks on loans) → stock bubble; Dow peaks Sept. 1929.
Unions ↓: open shop drives, Red Scare fears.

⚠ 1920s prosperity was uneven: farmers & many workers left out → sets up the 1929 crash.

✓ Link new tech → mass culture → urban/rural values clash (7.8) in causation essays.

7.8 1920s Culture Wars

Modern vs. Traditional

Core clash: urban & modern vs. rural & religious.
Scopes "Monkey" Trial: Darrow vs. Bryan over teaching evolution in Tennessee (1925).

Conflict	Example
Science v. faith	Scopes Trial 1925
Prohibition	18th; bootlegging
Nativism	Sacco & Vanzetti
2nd KKK	anti-Black/Catholic
Women	flappers

Immigration Limits

Nat'l Origins Act (1924): quotas cut S/E Europeans, bar Asians (2% of 1890 census).
Mexican migration ↑ (W. Hemisphere exempt).
Sacco & Vanzetti: Italian anarchists executed (1927) on weak evidence amid nativism.

Black Culture

Harlem Renaissance: Hughes, Hurston, McKay; jazz (Armstrong, Ellington) → Black pride.
Garvey: Black nationalism, back-to-Africa.

Changing Roles

New Woman: office jobs, flappers w/ short hair and smoking; most still homemakers.
Lost Generation: Fitzgerald, Hemingway → disillusion after the slaughter of WWI.

⚠ 1920s KKK was national (big in Indiana, Midwest; ~4M members), not just Southern.

✓ SAQ on values: contrast Scopes/KKK/quotas vs. Harlem Ren./flappers/jazz.

7.9–7.10 Depression & New Deal

Causes

Causes: overproduction, wealth gap, margin buying, bank failures, high tariffs.
Crash Oct. 1929 → ~25% jobless by 1933. **Dust Bowl** → Okie migrants west to CA.
Hoover: limited help (RFC); "Hoovervilles."
Bonus Army (1932): WWI vets driven out of DC.

FDR's New Deal: 3 Rs

R	Programs
Relief (now)	CCC, WPA
Recovery	NRA, AAA, TVA
Reform (lasting)	FDIC, SEC, Soc. Sec.
Labor	Wagner Act (unions)

Hundred Days (1933): bank holiday, Emergency Banking Act, **fireside chats** restore public trust.

Critics

Left: Huey Long wants more. **Right**: too much govt. **Court-packing** plan fails.
Supreme Court strikes down NRA & AAA (Schechter 1935, U.S. v. Butler 1936).

Legacy

New Deal coalition: unions, cities, Black voters (left GOP), white South → Dem. majority.
Limits: Social Security left out farm & domestic workers (many Black workers excluded).

⚠ New Deal didn't end the Depression (see 1937 recession); WWII spending did.

✓ LEQ (CCOT): New Deal = Progressive idea, much bigger scale + safety net.

7.11–7.12 Interwar & WWII Home Front

Interwar Foreign Policy

1920s: Washington Naval Conf. arms limits (1921–22), **Kellogg–Briand** (1928) outlaws war.
Good Neighbor Policy: no troops in Lat. Am.
Nye Committee: blames arms makers for WWI entry ("merchants of death," 1934–36).
Neutrality Acts (1935–37): no arms/loans to warring nations; avoid WWI's mistakes.
Shift to aid: cash-and-carry (1939) → **Lend-Lease** (1941): "arsenal of democracy."
Pearl Harbor (Dec. 7, 1941) follows US oil and scrap embargo on Japan over its expansion.

Mobilization

Group	WWII experience
Women	Rosie the Riveter
Black Am.	Double V; EO 8802
Japanese Am.	internment
Mexican Am.	Bracero Program

Korematsu (1944): Court upholds internment.
A. Philip **Randolph**'s march threat → EO 8802 bans bias in defense jobs; FEPC enforces.
Zoot Suit Riots (1943, Los Angeles): servicemen attack Mexican Am. youth in zoot suits.
Economy: rationing, war bonds; jobless ~1%.
Women: ~6M join workforce; many pushed out after 1945 as veterans return home.

⚠ 1930s "isolationism" = avoid war, not zero foreign ties (trade, Lat. Am. ties went on).

✓ Civil-rights gains (EO 8802) + internment (Korematsu) = great SAQ contrast.

7.13–7.15 WWII Victory & Postwar Order

Military Strategy

Europe First: N. Africa → Italy → **D-Day** (1944).
Pacific: **Midway** (1942) → island hopping.
Atomic bomb (Manhattan Project): Hiroshima, Nagasaki (Aug. 1945) → Japan surrenders.
Bomb debate: saved invasion lives vs. moral cost, message to USSR (Truman's choice).
Holocaust: US limited Jewish refugees (St. Louis, 1939); camps freed 1945 → Nuremberg.

Wartime Conferences

Meeting	Outcome
Atlantic Charter	war aims
Yalta 1945	UN; E. Europe vote
Potsdam 1945	Germany zones

UN (1945): US joins, unlike League.
Bretton Woods (1944): IMF, World Bank → dollar-based system; US leads world economy.
GI Bill (1944): college & home loans for veterans.

7.15 Comparison

WWI vs. WWII: both grow govt; after WWII US leads (UN), not retreats as in 1920.
Progressives vs. New Deal: both regulate; New Deal adds safety net (Social Security).
Big change: 1890 rising power → 1945 nuclear superpower facing the Soviet Union.

⚠ Yalta: Soviets already held E. Europe; free-election promise (Poland) broken.

✓ Period 8 context: atomic age + broken Yalta deals + U.S.–Soviet distrust → Cold War.