The Ultimate AP® US History Unit 7 Cheat Sheet

7.1–7.3 Context, Imperialism & 1898

Period 7 Big Picture

Shift: rural/agrarian → urban/industrial nation; US → world power; fed. govt role ↑ (Progressives → New Deal).
Frontier closed (1890; Turner 1893) + **Mahan**'s *Influence of Sea Power* (1890) → navy, bases, markets.

Imperialism Debate

Side	Key arguments
Pro: Mahan, TR, Lodge	markets, bases, prestige
Pro: Strong, Kipling	Soc. Darwinism, "civilize"
Anti-Imperialist League	hypocrisy, self-rule
Anti: Twain, Carnegie	racism, cheap-labor fear

Hawaii: US planters (Dole) overthrow Queen Liliuokalani (1893) → annexed 1898 (Newlands Res.).

Spanish–American War (1898)

Causes: Cuban revolt, **yellow journalism** (Hearst, Pulitzer), de Lôme letter, USS **Maine** sinks (Feb. 1898).
Teller Amend.: won't annex Cuba → **Platt Amend.** (1901, repealed 1934): US may intervene, Guantánamo base.
Treaty of Paris: US gets Puerto Rico, Guam, Philippines.
Philippine–Am. War (1899–1902): Aguinaldo crushed.
Insular Cases: Constitution doesn't fully follow the flag.
Jones Act (1917): Puerto Ricans → US citizens.

Policy After 1898

Open Door (Hay, 1899): equal trade in China. **Big Stick** + **Roosevelt Corollary** (1904): US polices Lat. Am. **Panama Canal** (1914). **Dollar Diplomacy** (Taft).
Wilson's moral diplomacy: still intervenes: Mexico (Pershing vs. Villa, 1916), Haiti (1915), Dom. Rep. (1916)

⚠ Overseas empire extends Manifest Destiny (continuity), but shifts from settling land → controlling markets & bases.

✓ DBQ/LEQ: tie imperialism to industrial surplus (markets) + closing frontier + Mahan's navy push for causation.

7.4 The Progressives

Who & Why

Progressives: mostly urban, middle-class, often Protestant reformers → use govt + experts to fix industrial ills.
Muckrakers: Riis (*How the Other Half Lives*), Sinclair (*The Jungle*), Tarbell (Standard Oil), Steffens (city machines).

Reform Goals

Goal	Examples
Democracy	17th Amend., init./ref./recall
Regulate econ.	Clayton Act, FTC, Fed (1913)
Tax	16th Amend. (income tax)
Social	Hull House (Addams), 18th
Conservation	nat'l forests; Pinchot v. Muir
Women	19th Amend. (1920)

Progressive Presidents

TR's Square Deal: trust-busting (Northern Securities), 1902 coal strike, Pure Food & Drug + Meat Inspection Acts (1906).
Taft: more antitrust suits; Ballinger–Pinchot split. **1912**: TR New Nationalism (Bull Moose) vs. **Wilson New Freedom** vs. Debs (Socialist, ~6%) → Wilson wins w/ 42%.

Limits & Black Activism

Limits: most ignored Jim Crow; Wilson re-segregated fed. offices. **Washington** (accommodation) vs. **Du Bois** (Niagara, NAACP 1909); **Ida B. Wells** vs. lynching.
Local/state: La Follette's **Wisconsin Idea**; city managers vs. machines. **Triangle fire** (1911) → safety laws.
Muller v. Oregon (1908): upholds hour limits for women (Brandeis Brief's social data; protective laws).
Suffrage split: Carrie Catt (NAWSA, state-by-state) vs. Alice Paul (NWP, White House pickets, hunger strikes).

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

✓ Continuity: Progressive regulatory state (FTC, Fed) → New Deal (SEC, FDIC). Great LEQ/CCOT thread.

7.5–7.6 World War I

Neutrality → War

Neutral 1914, but trade/loans favor Allies. **Lusitania** (1915) → Sussex Pledge (1916): Germany pauses sub attacks.
Unrestricted sub warfare + **Zimmermann Telegram** → war, April 1917: "make world safe for democracy."
AEF (Pershing): ~2M troops arrive late, tip 1918 offensives (Meuse-Argonne). ~117k US dead, many from flu.

Peace Fight

14 Points: open diplomacy, free seas, free trade, arms cuts, self-determination, **League of Nations** (Pt. 14).
Versailles: Senate rejects twice (Lodge reservationists + irreconcilables; Art. X fear) → US never joins League. Wilson's speaking tour → stroke (Oct. 1919).

Home Front

Agency / law	Effect
Selective Service '17	draft
War Industries Bd.	Baruch runs production
CPI (Creel)	propaganda
Espionage/Sedition	jail critics (Debs)
Schenck v. US '19	clear & present danger

Funding & food: Liberty Bonds; Food Admin. (Hoover) voluntary "meatless" days. Anti-German hysteria.
Great Migration: Blacks → N. war jobs → race riots (East St. Louis 1917, Chicago 1919). Mexican migration ↑.
First Red Scare (1919–20): strikes, bombs → **Palmer Raids**, thousands arrested, ~550 deported (Goldman).
Women: war work boosts case → **19th Amend.** (1920).
1919 unrest: Seattle general strike, Boston police, steel strikes; 1918–19 flu pandemic (~675K US dead).

⚠ War curbed civil liberties: free speech limits (Schenck, Debs jailed) are a key change-over-time point.

✓ Compare w/ WWII: both expand fed. power + shift labor (women, Great Migration); WWII far bigger in scale.

7.7 1920s Innovation & Economy

Consumer Economy

Assembly line (Ford, Model T, $5 day): cars cheap → roads, suburbs, oil, steel, rubber ↑; gas stations, motels spread.
Electricity (~⅔ of homes by 1930) + appliances; buying on **credit** (installment plans) → consumer debt ↑.
Scientific management (Taylor): efficiency, deskilled labor.

Innovation	Effect
Autos	mobility, suburbs, tourism
Radio (KDKA 1920)	nat'l mass culture
Movies (talkies '27)	shared stars, values
Advertising	consumerism, wants
Credit	boom → debt bubble

1920 census: urban > rural for 1st time. **Celebrity**: Babe Ruth (60 HRs, 1927), Lindbergh (1927 solo Atlantic flight).
Rural gap: most farms lack power until **REA** (1935).

Republican Policy

Harding "return to normalcy"; **Coolidge** "business of America is business"; **Hoover** "rugged individualism" (1928).
Pro-business: Mellon tax cuts, high tariffs (Fordney–McCumber 1922), weak antitrust, laissez-faire.
Scandal: Teapot Dome (Harding admin. oil leases).

Weak Spots

Farm depression: overproduction after WWI → prices ↓, debt. **Unions** ↓ (open shop, Red Scare).
Wealth gap: top earners gain most. **Margin buying** (~10% down) → stock bubble; Dow peaks Sept. 1929.
Welfare capitalism: company perks (pensions, picnics, company unions) to keep independent unions out.

⚠ "Roaring 20s" prosperity uneven: farmers & many workers left out → weak demand sets up the 1929 crash.

✓ Link tech → mass culture → urban/rural values clash (7.8: Scopes, KKK, quotas) for LEQ causation chains.

7.8 1920s Culture Wars

Modern vs. Traditional

Core clash: urban, secular, modern vs. rural, religious, nativist (Scopes, KKK, quotas, Prohibition).

Conflict	Example
Science v. faith	Scopes Trial 1925
Prohibition	18th; bootleg, Capone
Nativism	Sacco & Vanzetti
2nd KKK	anti-Black/Catholic/Jew
Women	flappers; ERA (Paul 1923)

Fundamentalism: Billy Sunday, McPherson revivals; radio preachers; literal Bible vs. modernist churches.
Scopes: Darrow vs. Bryan; teaching evolution in TN (Butler Act). **Prohibition** repealed by 21st (1933).

Immigration Limits

Emergency Quota Act (1921) → **Nat'l Origins Act** (1924): 2% of 1890 census → cuts S/E Europeans, bars Asians.
W. Hemisphere exempt → Mexican migration ↑ to SW farms.
Sacco & Vanzetti executed 1927 on thin evidence.
1928 election: Al Smith (Catholic, "wet") loses → urban/rural split shows; Smith wins big cities → future Dem. base.

Black Culture & Protest

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

Arts & Alienation

Jazz Age: speakeasies, dance halls, flappers, the Charleston → youth culture vs. parents and churches.
Lost Generation: Fitzgerald (Gatsby), Hemingway → disillusion after WWI. **New Woman**: clerical jobs, short hair, smoking, birth control (Sanger); most still homemakers.

⚠ 1920s KKK was national (big in Indiana, Midwest, Oregon), not just Southern: ~4M members by 1925.

✓ SAQ "conflict over values": pair Scopes/KKK/quotas vs. Harlem Ren./flappers (1 example per side).

7.9–7.10 Depression & New Deal

Causes of the Depression

Causes: overproduction, wealth gap, margin buying, bank failures, Smoot–Hawley Tariff (1930) → trade ↓.
Crash Oct. 1929 (Black Tuesday); ~9,000 banks fail; jobless ~25% (1933). **Dust Bowl** → Okies to CA (Steinbeck).
Hoover: volunteerism, RFC (1932); **Bonus Army** routed by Army (MacArthur, 1932); "Hoovervilles."

FDR's New Deal: 3 Rs

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

R	Programs
Relief	CCC, FERA, WPA
Recovery	NIRA/NRA, AAA, TVA
Reform	FDIC, SEC, Glass–Steagall
Reform	Social Security '35
Labor	Wagner Act → CIO; FLSA

Second New Deal (1935): SS, WPA, Wagner → reform & safety net. **Keynes**: deficit spending to boost demand.

Critics & Courts

Left: Long (Share Our Wealth), Coughlin (radio), Townsend (pensions). **Right**: Liberty League (too much govt).
Court strikes NIRA (Schechter '35), AAA (Butler '36) → **court-packing** plan fails (1937), but Court then shifts.

Legacy & Limits

New Deal coalition: unions, urban ethnics, Blacks (left GOP), white South → Dem. majority for decades (to ~1968).
Voices: Eleanor Roosevelt (active First Lady); Perkins (1st woman in cabinet); Bethune ("Black Cabinet").
Limits: SS skipped farm/domestic workers; local bias in aid; AAA displaced Black sharecroppers. **1937 recession**.

⚠ New Deal didn't end the Depression; WWII spending did. It did change govt's role for good (safety net).

✓ LEQ: New Deal = continuity w/ Progressives (active govt, regulation) but big change in scale (safety net).

7.11–7.12 Interwar Diplomacy & WWII Home Front

Interwar Foreign Policy

1920s: Washington Naval Conf. (1921–22), **Kellogg–Briand** (1928) outlaws war, Dawes Plan (1924) on reparations.
Stimson Doctrine (1932): won't recognize Japan's Manchuria grab. **Good Neighbor** (FDR): no troops in Lat. Am.
Neutrality Acts (1935–37): no arms/loans to warring nations; Nye Comm. (1934–36): "merchants of death."
Quarantine Speech (1937): after Japan invades China, FDR hints at isolating aggressors; public reaction cool.
Shift to aid: cash-and-carry (1939) → destroyers-for-bases (1940) → **Lend-Lease** (1941) → Atlantic Charter (Aug. 1941, FDR–Churchill). **America First** (Lindbergh) opposes.
FDR's **Four Freedoms** speech (Jan. 1941). **Oil & scrap embargo** on Japan → **Pearl Harbor** (Dec. 7, 1941) → war.

Mobilization

Group	WWII experience
Women	Rosie the Riveter, WACs
Black Am.	Double V; EO 8802 (FEPC)
Japanese Am.	EO 9066 internment
Mexican Am.	Bracero Program '42
Native Am.	code talkers (Navajo)

Korematsu (1944) upholds internment. **Zoot Suit Riots** (1943). **Randolph**'s march threat → EO 8802.
Women: ~6M join workforce; most pushed out after 1945.
Military: ~16M serve; segregated units (**Tuskegee Airmen**).
Double V = beat fascism abroad + racism at home.
Economy: War Production Board, rationing, bonds; jobless ~1%. Sun Belt, West Coast grow (defense plants).

⚠ 1930s "isolationism" = avoid war & alliances, not zero involvement: trade & Lat. Am. ties continued.

✓ Wartime civil-rights gains (EO 8802, Double V) + internment (Korematsu) → great contrast for SAQ/DBQ.

7.13–7.15 WWII Victory & Postwar Order

Military Strategy

Europe First: N. Africa (1942) → Italy (1943) → **D-Day** (June 6, 1944) → Bulge → Germany falls May 1945.
Pacific: **Midway** (1942) turning point → island hopping → Iwo Jima, Okinawa (1945); kamikazes raise invasion fears.
Holocaust: US limited Jewish refugees (*St. Louis*, 1939); camps liberated 1945 → Nuremberg trials.
Atomic bomb: Manhattan Project → Hiroshima, Nagasaki (Aug. 1945). Debate: save lives vs. morality, signal USSR.

Wartime Conferences

Meeting	Outcome
Atlantic Charter '41	war aims, self-rule
Tehran '43	2nd front planned
Yalta Feb '45	UN; USSR vs. Japan; E. Europe vote pledge
Potsdam Jul '45	zones; Japan ultimatum

UN (1945): US joins, unlike League. **Bretton Woods** (1944): IMF, World Bank → US leads world economy.
GI Bill (1944): college tuition, home loans for veterans → suburbs, postwar middle class (Period 8 link).
Cold War seeds: delayed 2nd front (Stalin's anger), Soviet grip on E. Europe → distrust; atomic secrecy deepens it.

7.15 Comparison Moves

WWI vs. WWII: both ↑ fed. power, curb liberties (Espionage Act; internment); WWII → US superpower, not retreat.
Progressive vs. New Deal: both regulate (FTC → SEC); New Deal adds welfare state (Social Security).
1890s vs. 1940s: emerging power (1898) → global leader (UN, Bretton Woods); Cold War tensions loom.

⚠ Yalta wasn't a "giveaway": Soviet troops already held E. Europe; election promise later broken.

✓ Contextualize Period 8: end-of-war deals (Yalta, Potsdam) + atomic age + Soviet E. Europe → Cold War.