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The Roaring Twenties: A Decade of Change and Contrasts

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Prohibition had unintended consequences, including the rise of illegal bars known as speakeasies and a significant increase in organized crime. It led to the illegal production and distribution of alcohol, fueling criminal enterprises.
2. The 1920s saw advancements in women's rights, including the passage of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote. However, women still faced challenges in achieving social equality, such as unequal pay and limited opportunities in many professions.
3. The Roaring Twenties left a cultural and social legacy characterized by a spirit of rebellion, cultural expression, and progress. These influences can be seen in subsequent decades in American history, particularly in the 1960s and beyond.
4. As a journalist reporting on the stock market crash of 1929, I would describe the events leading up to the crash, including the speculative frenzy in the stock market and the economic downturn. I would also discuss the immediate consequences, such as the loss of wealth, bank failures, and the start of the Great Depression.

