

Chapter 8 Section 1

- What helped Harding win the election and who did he nominate to be his running mate?
- What was the Ohio Gang? How did this backfire on Harding?
- Describe what was the Teapot Dome Scandal? What was the outcome at the end of the scandal?
- How does Coolidge become President?

President Harding

- Harding's political philosophy fit well with the times.
- He ran on the campaign slogan to return to "normalcy." Americans desired to return to a society similar to pre-World War I.
- In 1920 with Vice President Calvin Coolidge, Harding won the election.

The Ohio Gang

- Group of friends and political allies of Harding that received cabinet positions.
- Cabinet positions are positions of power and influence. Usually these positions are filled with experts.
- The members of the Ohio Gang misused their positions of power. They consumed alcohol, asked for pardon for criminal convictions, took bribes for government jobs, and cost tax payers millions of dollars.

Teapot Dome Scandal

- Albert B. Fall secretly allowed private interests to lease lands containing U.S Navy oil reserves at Teapot Dome, Wyoming and Elk Hills California.
- Eventually the newspaper investigates and the Secretary of Interior Fall became the first cabinet officer in history to go to prison.
- The Harding administration ends with more scandals and corruption.
- Harding dies and Coolidge becomes president.

President Coolidge

- One of the first actions that Coolidge takes as President was to separate himself from Harding.
- He replaces major cabinet appointees from the Harding administration, and keeps some of the capable members like Hoover and Mellon.

President Coolidge

- Coolidge's philosophy of government was simple, he believed that prosperity rested on business leadership and that part of his job as president was to make sure that government interfered with business and industry as little as possible.
- Coolidge worked on restoring integrity to the presidency, avoided crises and continued expanding the nation's prosperity.

President Coolidge

- Coolidge wins a second term.
- “Keep Cool with Coolidge” becomes the campaign slogan which helps him win.
- “The man who builds a factory builds a temple. The man who works there worships there.”
- Business and growth becomes the priority for Coolidge.