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American History / American History Honors
- 2  **Unit Plan**
  - Overview of 1920s Politics and Major Themes
  - Presidents DVD: Harding - Hoover
  - Class Presentations will cover major economic and social topics
    - Chapter 20: Sections 1 & 3
    - Chapter 21: All Sections
- 3  **"A Return to Normalcy"**
  - How to demobilize and remain neutral
  - 1921 Washington Naval Conference
  - 1928 Kellogg-Briand Pact
  - Fordney-McCumber Tariff (1922)
    - Fear of cheap European goods
    - Makes Germany's situation worse
    - Debt repayment problems
  - Dawes Plan (1924)
- 4  **Harding's Scandals**
  - The "Ohio Gang"
  - Scandals for executive officials
  - Teapot Dome Scandal (1923)
  - Harding dies suddenly – August 2, 1923
- 5  **"Cool Cal" Coolidge**
  - Pro-business; laissez-faire
  - Supreme Court: Anti-Progressive?
    - William H. Taft, Chief Justice
    - *Adkins v. Childrens Hospital (1923)*
  - Raise tariffs and reduce income taxes
  - Economy doing well (some starting to predict problems)
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- 6  **Andrew Mellon**
  - Secretary of the Treasury for Harding through Hoover
  - Financial policies
  - Historical scrutiny?
- 7  **Herbert Hoover**
  - Great expectations
  - Stock Market Crash
  - Will cover more in-depth in the next unit...
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