



STUDY GUIDE

COOLIDGE: THE BEST PRESIDENT YOU DON'T KNOW

KEY TERMS:

refrainer
progressives

minimalist
begat

pocket veto
protectionism

CUE COLUMN: Complete this section <u>after</u> the video.	NOTE-TAKING COLUMN: Complete this section <u>during</u> the video. Include definitions and key terms.
<p>State Calvin Coolidge's philosophy and the effect it had on America's economy.</p>	<p>Calvin Coolidge's philosophy:</p> <p>Economic results produced by the Refrainer:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Low unemployment2.3.4. Fewer strikes5.6. <p>How Coolidge achieved these economic results:</p> <p>Coolidge's quote: "It is much more important to ..."</p> <p>Type of legislation that Coolidge endorsed:</p> <p>Goal of Calvin Coolidge and Andrew Mellon:</p> <p>Results of 1924 Presidential election:</p> <p>Criticism of Coolidge and research findings:</p> <p>The paradox:</p>
<p>SUMMARY OF NOTES: Complete this section <u>after</u> the lecture to review the video.</p> <p>Analyze the economic events marked by the Calvin Coolidge presidency.</p>	

DISCUSSION & REVIEW QUESTIONS:

- Do you believe that today's policymakers from both political parties can learn from the lessons on budget and tax policy from Calvin Coolidge? Support your view.
- Irving Stone wrote: "Calvin Coolidge believed the least government was the best government; he aspired to become the least president the country had ever had; he attained that desire." Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Support your view.
- Imagine that Calvin Coolidge was currently serving as the President of the United States. How do you think he would handle the economic problems facing the United States as outlined in this article: <http://economyincrisis.org/content/major-economic-problems-facing-united-states>

EXTEND THE LEARNING:

- Compare the United States economy during the presidencies of Calvin Coolidge and Franklin Roosevelt:

UNITED STATES ECONOMY	
CALVIN COOLIDGE	FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT

RESOURCES TO EXPLORE:

- When Less Led to More: <http://www.economist.com/news/books-and-arts/21572176-americas-30th-president-has-been-much-misunderstood-when-less-led-more>
- Calvin Coolidge: Forefather of Our Conservatism:
- <http://www.heritage.org/research/reports/2013/02/calvin-coolidge-forefather-of-our-conservatism>
- Calvin Coolidge: <http://www.history.com/topics/us-presidents/calvin-coolidge>
- The Calvin Coolidge Approach to Saving America from Debt and Insanity: Just Say No!:
- <http://blogs.cfainstitute.org/investor/2012/08/01/calvin-coolidge-approach-to-saving-america-from-debt-and-insanity/>