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Prohibition Inquiry Chart

Date: _____

	What do you see or hear? (characters/objects/Imagery)	What is the story being told through the source?	In support of Prohibition or Anti-Prohibition?	What questions do I have?
“Both Sides” (Political Cartoon)	-Two men who support both sides of the issue -Both men explaining why they believe what they do -	There are both positive and negative effects to Prohibition. The men are pleading their case. Prohibition caused an increase in crime, but it also means families are not torn apart from alcoholism and they can purchase homes.	Both	
“The Drunkard’s Child” by Hank Snow (Song)	Hear: Guitar & Xylophone A man singing It sounds old Picture: A boy in foster care sad because he doesn’t have his family	An orphan is singing about how his dad began drinking and his mother’s heart was broken, and she died. Now she is looking down on him from heaven and his dad is still a drunk. His dad is most likely drinking and gambling at gangster run “speak easies.”	Support	
“Help Me to Keep Him Pure” (Prohibition Poster)	-A mother and her child smiling -The words “help,” “pure,” “Against,” and “liquor”	The woman is pleading for help because she is afraid of how the sale of liquor and its impact on society and the home will hinder her child’s life.	Support	
“St. Valentine’s Day Massacre” (1929) (Newspaper)	-Men murdered in cold blood -A reference to Al Capone a Mobster -Mentions gang warfare and “illegal beer and whiskey distribution”	This is an example of how prohibition created a market for organized crime and smuggling alcohol. Rival gangsters murdered throughout Chicago.	Anti-Prohibition	
“Prohibition Blues” by Nora Bayes (YouTube Music)	Hear: Woman Singing about a man -Sad tone - Sounds like cartoon music in the background	A woman asks the man what is wrong. She recalls him being so happy, especially when he smiles. He responds that his best friend Al (alcohol) is gone and there will be no more happy days ahead.	Anti-Prohibition	
“Gangsters Dancing” (Political Cartoon)	-5 men hand and hand & happy -One has a gun and one has drugs -They have names (Gangster, Racketeer, Prohibition, Bootlegger, & Dope Seller) -The word DEPRESSION	The Prohibition character is the biggest and seems to be the link to all of the other bad people. It helps to keep those people happy. Prohibition is thought to have spawned crime. These things depress society.	Anti-Prohibition	

Reflection: The 18th Amendment was intended to rid society of the ills caused by excess alcohol consumption. Based on what you observed, what **unintended consequences** occurred as a result of the ratification of the 18th Amendment? Prohibition was meant to rid society of the effects of alcoholism and the depletion of American Values. Alcohol caused difficulties in the home and depleted traditional American values. Though Prohibition was meant to remedy these things, it caused an increase in crime and death. It caused those who enjoyed alcohol to be depressed.