STANFORD HISTORY EDUCATION GROUP

READING LIKE A HISTORIAN



Prohibition (11.5.3)

Background:

With the passage of the 18th Amendment the era of Prohibition began. As a result those looking to get a "drink" turned to illegal means. An era that was supposed to improve American lives created an environment for bootlegging and illegal activities.

Prompt:

Why was the 18th Amendment adopted?

Task:

In a well-thought out essay:

- Write a thesis in response to the prompt.
- Explain what evidence in the documents led you to this conclusion.
- Be certain to cite at least four pieces of evidence from the documents that support your thesis.