THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE 18TH AMENDMENT

Take a look at Wayne Wheeler’s Amazing Amendment Machine. This exhibit shows that it is not easy to ratify a constitutional amendment. By looking at the machine, can you discover how the 18th Amendment was ratified? It took a perfect storm of many different elements to make it happen. Fill in the chart below to help your readers understand the process.

Who was the driving force behind the 18th Amendment?

THE CONSTITUTION IS AMENDED

THE 18TH AMENDMENT IS PROPOSED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS.

IT RECEIVES VOTES IN BOTH HOUSES.

THE AMENDMENT IS RATIFIED BY THE LEGISLATURES OF STATES.

THE 18TH AMENDMENT BECOMES PART OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION.

How was the amendment’s language crafted to make it more plausible?

The 18th Amendment became ratified by the legislatures of states. Why?

PROHIBITION: AN ERA IN REVIEW

Excellent job! The Editor-in-Chief is really impressed and thinks you’re ready for a promotion to regular columnist. Now that the 21st Amendment has been ratified and Prohibition is over, your next assignment is to write a story analyzing the entire era. First, you need to pitch the boss on your angle. Come up with a catchy headline that summarizes the changes America has gone through over the last 14 years.

POBLATION PRESS

Welcome to your first day at Prohibition Press, a newspaper covering the stories of Prohibition. Your job as our new intern is to travel through the exhibits and uncover the complex issues surrounding the 18th and 21st Amendments. The Prohibition era was filled with change, and it had a profound impact on our country. Now get out the story for our readers!

OUT IN THE COLD!

Temperance Workers Make Camp in the Snow

Check out this great shot! Our cameraman captured two women protesting outside a saloon in Hillsboro, Ohio. They must be freezing! We need you to get the story. Find this photograph in the exhibit and write their story. What are they thinking? Why are they going to such extreme measures to fight for what they believe in? Be sure you can get quotes from these women and the saloon owner as well.

People speak

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Twenty-six states of the U.S. ratified the 18th Amendment. Only 31 states ratified the 18th Amendment.

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The 12th Amendment became ratified by the legislatures of states. Why?

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The 18th Amendment became part of the U.S. Constitution. Why?

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The 21st Amendment became ratified by the legislatures of states. Why?

American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition

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Malicious Mail Pours in for Congressman Volstead!

Our readers need the facts! The Volstead Act, named for Congressman Andrew Volstead, was just passed to explain how the 18th Amendment will be enforced, and people are not happy. We need you to help put a stop to the rise of illegal alcohol. What should we do? Fill in the chart to help readers understand this new legislation.

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Prohibition-era fashion highlighted a new image of the modern woman—one who was more independent, confident, and assertive. Our readers are very interested in the stories that fashion can tell. Find the dress and women’s accessories on display, then compare them to the Victorian-era ensembles pictured here on the left. What differences do you notice, and what do you think they say about how society is changing?

PROHIBITION BUREAU FACES CORRUPTION IN ITS RANKS!

The Prohibition Bureau is looking for a few good agents. Corruption and iniquity fill the ranks, and a “Help Wanted” ad is needed to get some new recruits. Explore the bureau’s office and review the agent files in the filing cabinet. What are the characteristics and qualities of a good Prohibition agent? Create a “Help Wanted” ad by listing characteristics you would look for. Remember, you’re trying to attract someone who can’t be bought!

Help Wanted!

As the Prohibition Bureau faces corruption in its ranks, the agents need new recruits. Create a“Help Wanted” ad that lists the qualities you would look for in an agent. What challenges do Prohibition agents face in their work?

CRIME ON THE RISE BECAUSE OF PROHIBITION

Prohibition has had an unexpected consequence—the rise of violent organized crime. Our researchers are gearing up to expose mobsters, and they need you to collect more facts. Find the clues on the wall for these gangsters and fill in the missing information. Then, give each one a criminal ranking. We want our readers to understand the levels of law-breaking going on.

Ingenuity and invention in the marketplace

Facing new regulations, many companies were forced to change their business models and develop new products (although some weren’t strictly legal). Find the “Product Ingenuity” chart past the speakeasy. Choose one product and help our marketing department design an advertisement for it. Don’t forget to include a winning slogan.