

Prohibition



During Prohibition in the U.S., it was illegal to make or sell any alcoholic beverages. Prohibition came out of the early 1900 “temperance” movement, which advocated complete sobriety and believed that drinking alcohol was responsible for moral decline and a decline in family values. Prohibition officially began on January 29th, 1919, with the ratification of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which made alcoholic beverages illegal in the United States. Prohibition didn’t make it illegal to *drink* alcohol, only to make, sell, and distribute it. The people who made, sold, and/or distributed illegal alcohol were called bootleggers.

DIRECTIONS: You are going to write a paper called “A Day in the Life of a Bootlegger.” To prepare to write this paper, conduct research into Prohibition, in particular the illegal whiskey trade. Your paper should include:

- Where you are
- Exactly what you do (make, sell, and/or distribute, and what)
- How you keep your operation a secret
- Who your customers are
- The description of one interaction with a customer
- The description of one interaction (or close miss) with law enforcement
- Anything else you feel is of interest

Include a bibliography that lists at least three credible sources that you used in your research.