

CHAPTER  
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GUIDED READING *Americans Struggle with Postwar Issues*

Section 1

**A.** As you read this section, take notes to answer questions about postwar conditions in America and the fear of communism.

**After World War I, many Americans feared that Communists would take over the country.**

1. How did the Justice Department under A. Mitchell Palmer respond to this fear?	→	2. Why did Palmer eventually lose his standing with the American public?
3. How did the Ku Klux Klan respond to this fear?	→	4. Why did the Klan eventually lose popularity and membership?

**Public opinion turned against labor unions as many Americans came to believe that unions encouraged communism.**

5. Why was the strike by Boston police unpopular with the public?	→	6. Why did Massachusetts governor Calvin Coolidge become so popular?
7. Why was the strike at U.S. Steel unpopular?	→	8. How did President Wilson respond to the steel strike?

**The American labor union movement suffered setbacks as union membership dropped.**

**B.** On the back of this paper, briefly describe how **Sacco and Vanzetti** became victims of the Red Scare. Then explain how **John L. Lewis** improved the lives of coal miners.