

# THE PERIODIC TABLE OF THE PRESIDENTS™

## The Twenty-First Amendment

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### Introduction:

The Twenty-First Amendment ended Prohibition by repealing the Eighteenth Amendment. The era of Prohibition lasted about thirteen years. In the end, corruption, organized crime, and a depressed economy got the better of the nation's noble experiment.

The text of this amendment begins, "The eighteenth article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States is hereby repealed."

### Questions:

1. What is the Twenty-First Amendment?
2. What year was the Twenty-First Amendment ratified?
3. What does "repeal" mean?
4. How long did Prohibition last?
5. What was one reason for the failure of Prohibition?
6. Why was ending Prohibition good for the economy?
7. What was a "speakeasy"?
8. According to the Twenty-First Amendment, who has the power to regulate alcohol sales?
9. How was the ratification of the Twenty-First Amendment different from all other amendments?
10. Why do you think Prohibition is often referred to as the nation's "noble experiment"?