

Prohibition Comparison Answer Key

A strong paragraph should include:

- At least **one similarity** between Prohibition and the modern issue
 - Both involve government trying to limit dangerous or addictive substances
 - Both create debates about public good vs. personal freedom
- At least **one difference**
 - Public support, enforcement, legal status, or scientific evidence may differ
- Logical historical reasoning connecting past to present
- Complete, clear sentences

Examples of acceptable comparisons might mention:

- Crime and illegal markets during Prohibition vs. modern underground sales
- Changing public opinions leading to legalization or regulation
- Concerns about health, youth access, and government responsibility

Any thoughtful, accurate comparison should be counted as correct.

Teacher's Guide

Differentiation Tips

- Offer sentence frames for those needing writing support:
 - "A similarity is..." "A difference is..." "This matters because..."
- Allow brainstorming with a partner before writing independently
- Provide a short list of modern debates to choose from

Engagement Strategies

- Class poll: "Should the government regulate ___?"
- Exit ticket sharing: 2-3 volunteers read aloud to spark reflection

Extension Ideas

- Students research one law from today that has parallels to Prohibition
- Create a mini-poster: "History Repeats?" with connections illustrated
- Use responses to launch a full-class debate in the next lesson