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Hollywood's Scandals

I. Hollywood's Influence on Society

- a. In the 1920s, movies began to have a large influence on society.
 - i. WHAT EVIDENCE DO WE HAVE TO SUPPORT THAT? (Give 2 examples)

II. <u>Challenges to Morality in the 1920s</u>

- a. Many Americans worried about the influence Hollywood had on the public.
 - i. Known for its promiscuity (sex), gambling and alcohol, Hollywood got the reputation of being an immoral place.
 - 1. What does the word "immoral" mean?

2. WHY MIGHT SOMEONE SAY HOLLYWOOD HAD A BAD INFLUENCE ON THE PUBLIC? (Think about what we read earlier and look at the pictures...)

III. <u>Hollywood Scandals:</u> In the early 1920s, Hollywood faced a series of scandals involving their film personalities which led to widespread criticism from religious groups, conservatives and local govt officials.

a.	Fatty	Arb	oucl	κle

- ii. He argued he was NOT guilty but the public assumed he WAS guilty.
 - 1. What did the jury decide?
 - 2. What impact did it have on his career?

b. Wallace Reid

- i. Hollywood's leading man (handsome, clean cut, young star) who got injured on set and after seeing the studio's doctor, was prescribed what?
- ii. Got addicted & made worse because the studio didn't want to give him time off to recover (so they kept prescribing more and more drugs.) He eventually died while trying to detox.

c. Charlie Chaplin

- i. Comedian (known for his character, The Tramp we also saw him in the film "Gold Rush" eating his shoe & suffering through work on an assembly line in "Modern Times")
- ii. Many scandals (EXPLAIN)



d. Clara Bow

- i. The "It girl" flapper, Hollywood star
- ii. Also nicknamed "_____" for the many scandals & rumors that were said about her
 - 1. GIVE 2 EXAMPLES OF RUMORS ABOUT CLARA BOW:



- iii. Paramount eventually cancelled her contract because of public pressure.
- IV. Hollywood is out of control!
 - a. All of these scandals and the influence Hollywood was clearly having on America's youth led many to believe that Hollywood was out of control.
 - b. Something needed to be done...
 - c. LOOK AT THE CARTOON ON THE BACK



1. What is happening? DESCRIBE WHAT YOU SEE:

2. What does it mean? If we look at the title, how is Hollywood in a sea of reel/real trouble? Explain.