

AUTOMOBILES

Between 1920 and 1929, automobile registrations rose from eight million to twenty-three million. What effects have automobiles had on the lives of American people? (pollution, gas use, industry, roads, car accidents, etc.) What contribution did Ford make to the automobile industry? What were the cars of the 20s like?

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE and FASHION

The Nineteenth Amendment was made effective in 1920. Trace the history of the women's suffrage movement. What arguments were made for and against women's suffrage? Were any of these ideals or worries realized?

How did women's fashions change in the twenties? Have these styles survived or ever been revived? How do they reflect the new freedoms many women were enjoying in the twenties?

IMMIGRATION

Immigrants began to come into the United States in large numbers after WWI. Research the history of immigration to the U.S., particularly during the 1920s. What legislation was passed by Congress concerning immigration in the 1920s (see the Emergency Quota Act of 1921 and the Immigration Act of 1924).

Research the case of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, Italians convicted in the 1920 murder of a Massachusetts paymaster and his guard. Explain why the case was so controversial. What was the general feeling towards immigrants at the time and how might that have affected the trial's outcome?

CRIME

In *The Great Gatsby* there are many references to illegal activity—world series fixing, bootlegging, police complicity in crime. Research criminal activity in the 1920s, including the Harding Administration scandal, the Teapot Dome scandal.

The Eighteenth Amendment, the Prohibition Act, was passed in 1919. How and why did the temperance movement win this battle? How did it affect the country? When and why was it repealed?

POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STATUS OF THE 20s

Discuss the years following World War I with regard to the economy and the political attitude. What was the attitude of the average citizen during this time? Discuss the Stock Market Crash of 1929. Why did it happen and what was its aftermath? How did it lead to the Great Depression?

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OF THE 20s

Research Charles Lindberg, his historic flight, and the other important events of his life. Research the Scopes "Monkey" Trial of 1925.

HARLEM RENAISSANCE

The Harlem Renaissance was a period of literary and intellectual flowering that fostered a new black cultural identity in the 1920s and 1930s. Report on the variety of arts and people that were involved in the Harlem Renaissance. Why could it have happened in such a specific place and at such a specific time?

MUSIC AND DANCE

Research the impact and the innovations in dance and music in the 1920s, most significantly jazz.

SPORTS

The 1920s is often called the Golden Age of Sports. What accomplishments were made in sports in the twenties? Who was involved in these accomplishments?