



The Roaring Twenties

The American Dream

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Why Was it Called "Roaring"?

- It was called “roaring” because of the exuberant, freewheeling popular culture of the decade. The Roaring Twenties was a time when many people defied Prohibition, indulged in new styles of dancing and dressing, and rejected many traditional moral standards.
- Video: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=mus-cRIt1Qo>



What Was The American Dream?

New inventions and technology sent America into the modern age. "The 1920s brought a feeling of freedom and independence to millions of Americans, especially young Americans. Young soldiers returned from the world war with new ideas. They had seen a different world in Europe. They had faced death and learned to enjoy the pleasures that each day offered." ("Roaring Twenties' a Time of Economic and Social Change" par. 2).

Why was the 20s an era of liberation for women?

- The twenties were a turning point for women. Women who were not flappers gained some unprecedented freedoms. "They could vote at last: The 19th Amendment to the Constitution had guaranteed that right in 1920. Millions of women worked in white-collar jobs (as stenographers, for example) and could afford to participate in the burgeoning consumer economy." ("The Roaring Twenties" par. 2). Women had broken away from traditional culture, according to Zeitz, "...women had the wherewithal and drive to lead independent lives." (Zeitz par. 2).



How was there a drastic change in society in the 20s?

- "Before World War I, the country remained culturally and psychologically rooted in the 19th century." (Zeitiz par. 1). But in the 20s America seemed to break from the past and move on to a more modern era. It was an era of liberation for women. There was a drastic social and political change. More people lived in cities than on farms. "People from coast to coast bought the same goods (thanks to nationwide advertising and the spread of chain stores), listened to the same music, did the same dances and even used the same slang!" ("The Roaring Twenties" par. 1).

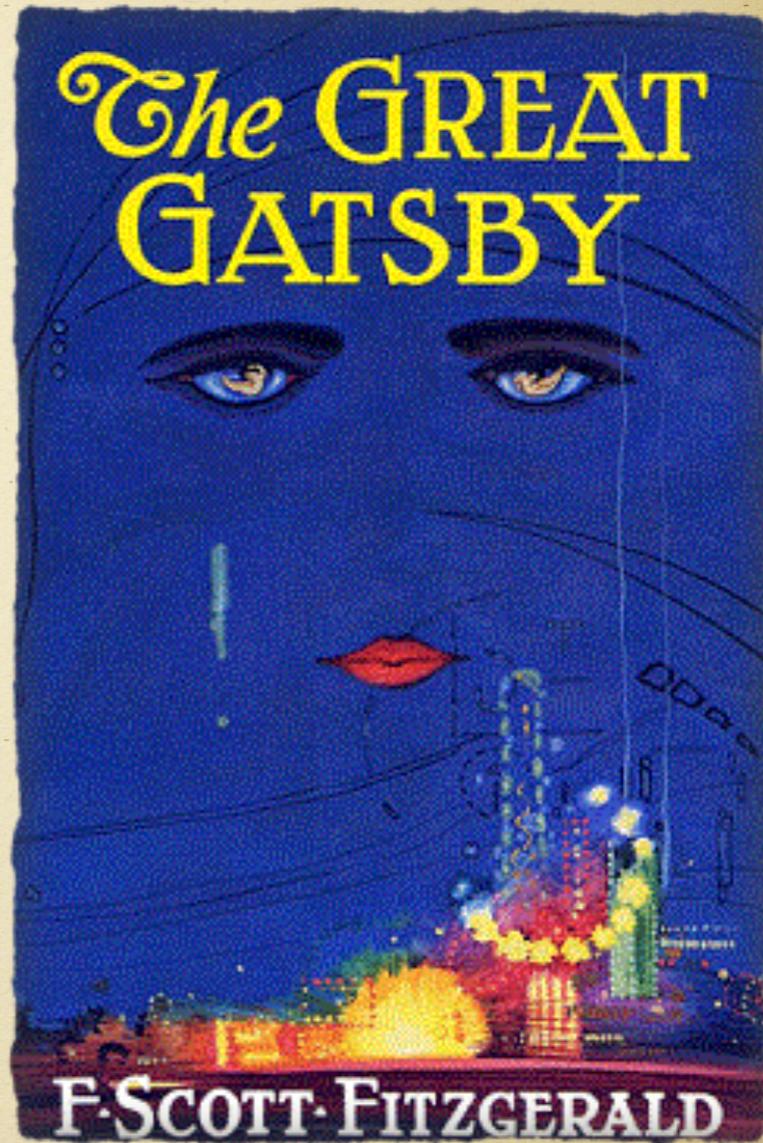
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What was the symbol for the 20s and why?

- The symbol was the "flapper", a young woman with bobbed hair and short skirts, and said what might be termed "unladylike" things. It is described by Webster's Collegiate Dictionary as, "a young girl, esp. one somewhat daring in conduct, speech, and dress."



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