

The 1920s

The Decade of Change The Jazz Years The Swinging Twenties The Roaring Twenties

Time Line

- 1904 – The New York City subway opened to the public
- 1908 – Ford Motor Company introduced the Model T which sold for 850 dollars, by 1925 it cost only 290 dollars
- 1919 – The 18th Amendment - the making, selling or carrying of alcohol prohibited
- 1920 – The 19th Amendment gave women the right to vote
- 1920 – The first radio broadcasts were sent out over airwaves
- 1927 – Charles Lindbergh made the first solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean
- 1927 – The first talking movies appeared
- 1933 – Prohibition cancelled
- 1939 – Two of the most famous movies of all time, *Gone with the Wind* and *The Wizard of Oz*, were produced

Task 1 – Read the article The 1920s- The Decade of Change and then complete the below grid. How did the 1920s change America?

Entertainment	Inventions	Woman's position	Prohibition	Minorities

Task 2. The Jazz Sensation – Answer the below questions

1. When and where and by whom was Jazz played for the first time?
2. Why in that city?

3. What made Jazz different?
4. Where did the inspiration for Jazz come from?
5. What kinds of music were the forerunners of Jazz?
6. Which city became another centre of Jazz during the 1920s.
7. Which musician made Jazz popular?

Jazz is a truly American art form

Task 3. America on Wheels – Answer the below questions.

1. Why are the 1920s called the decade of automobile?
2. How was called the very first car produced in America?
3. What really made Ford a genius?
4. What advantages did the car bring to the people in general?

The man who builds a factory builds a temple.

Task 4. Explain the following terms.

1. Isolationism
2. Economic boom
3. Assembly Line
4. Prohibition
5. Flapper
6. Speakeasy
7. Bootlegger
8. Ku Klux Klan

Task 5. What was American society like at that time?