



Objective: To examine the cultural changes brought about by the Jazz Age.

Do Now: Define the term **fad**, then make a list of fads that you know of.

Fad – activity or fashion that is very popular for a short time






1920's: Fads and Fashions

- **Fads** caught on quickly during the 1920's.

Ex.) dance marathons, flagpole sitting



• **Flapper** – young woman in the 1920's who declared her independence from traditional rules.



How did flappers rebel against traditional ways of thinking?

- 1) short, bobbed hair
- 2) bright-red lipstick



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- 3) short skirts



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4) smoked cigarettes in public



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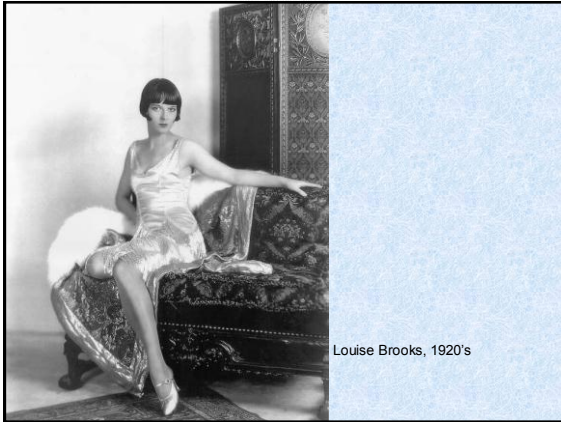
5) drank alcohol in speakeasies



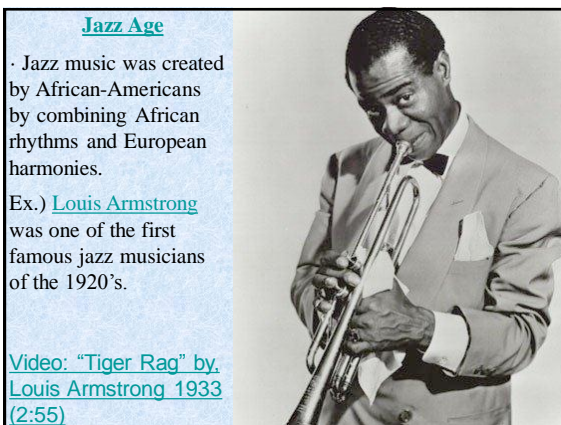
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6) danced at jazz clubs









· Jazz music brought new forms of dancing.

Ex.) [the Charleston](#) and the shimmy

[Video: The Charleston \(1:50\)](#)



The Charleston
By T.V. Wilson

· Older Americans worried that jazz music was a bad influence on the nation's young people.

[Audio: Roll 'em Girls, Roll 'em \(1925\)](#)



The Jazz Age, 1929
movie poster

Harlem

Renaissance – flowering of African American culture in the 1920's

Examples: [Countee Cullen](#) – writer/poet



“Incident” by, Countee Cullen

Once riding in old Baltimore,
Heart-filled, head-filled with glee,
I saw a Baltimorean
Keep looking straight at me.

Now I was eight and very small,
And he was no whit bigger,
And so I smiled, but he poked out
His tongue, and called me, "Nigger."

I saw the whole of Baltimore
From May until December;
Of all the things that happened there
That's all that I remember.

Harlem Renaissance – flowering of African American culture in the 1920’s
Examples: **Langston Hughes** – writer / poet



“Harlem” by, Langston Hughes
What happens to a dream deferred?
Does it dry up
like a raisin in the sun?
Or fester like a sore—
And then run?
Does it stink like rotten meat?
Or crust and sugar over—
like a syrupy sweet?
Maybe it just sags
like a heavy load.
Or does it explode?

Harlem Renaissance – flowering of African American culture in the 1920’s

Examples: **Zora Neale Hurston** – writer / poet



“The whole matter revolves around the self-respect of my people. How much satisfaction can I get from a court order for somebody to associate with me who does not wish me near them?”
- Zora Neale Hurston (1955)

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Examples: **Aaron Douglas** - painter



Into Bondage (1936)
