The 1920s was a time of prosperity, but also a time of many downfalls. It was an era of change . . . a time when people began to do what they wanted to do instead of following social norms. The U.S. prospered as Henry Ford developed the automobile assembly line, as the nation had its first ever TV broadcast in New York, and as mail was delivered via airplanes. Women fought for the right to vote and changed the rules of fashion. Prohibition made it illegal to drink alcohol, creating organized crime with Al Capone leading the way. Warren Harding's administration participated in the Teapot Dome Scandal, but Harding's death left Calvin Coolidge to deal with the aftermath. Babe Ruth and the Yankees ruled the arena of Baseball. The first ever sports broadcast was delivered during a Jack Dempsey fight. Charles Lindbergh got the name "Lucky Lindy" and became a national hero. Americans feared a Communist takeover like the one that occurred in Russia. Italian immigrants, Sacco and Vanzetti, were executed in one of the biggest trials of the Twenties. Langston Hughes led the Harlem Renaissance period. The Ku Klux Klan began their prejudice spree, preaching white supremacy. Clarence Darrow prosecuted John Scopes during the "Monkey Trial," after Scopes admitted to disobeying the Butler Act by teaching evolution. In this decade following the First World War, America prospered as the leading nation of the world.

**Directions:** You will create an individual project that explains in detail one of the topics of the Roaring Twenties. You may choose from the following:

### Project 1

**Age of Paranoia: Create a PowerPoint Project (70pts)**

- Detail the communist takeover (the Bolshevik Revolution) of Russia and the creation of the Soviet Union.
  - Include a map that shows the Soviet Union with Europe and Asia.
  - Explain the difference between Capitalism, Socialism, Anarchism and Communism
- Explain the effect of the communist takeover of Russia on America.
  - Explain the Red Scare in America
  - Detail the reaction to communism by A. Mitchell Palmer, and the effect that his communist persecution had on immigrants.
- Evaluate the effect of the Red Scare on immigrants by including a detailed explanation of the Sacco and Vanzetti trial.
  - Research the results of the trial and evaluate if the verdict was correct.
- Compare and contrast the labor movement of WWI with the post war period.
  - What goals did labor and their unions have following the war?

Choose one of the following as part of your project: (30pts)

1. **Create a poster** display of the artwork surrounding the Sacco and Vanzetti trial. Include works of art and photographs and explain how those works helped shape public opinion about the men.
2. **Create a video or photostory** and include the video in your PowerPoint presentation that shows the art and photographs of the Sacco and Vanzetti trial. Explain how these works helped to shape public opinion.
3. **Create a scrapbook** of the Sacco and Vanzetti trial that includes the art and photographs of Sacco and Vanzetti. Explain how these works helped to shape public opinion.
4. **Create and perform a song** about the trial of Sacco and Vanzetti that takes a position on their guilt or innocence.
5. **Create a short journal, diary or blog** about the trial of Sacco and Vanzetti.

### Project 2

**The Roaring Twenties: Create a PowerPoint Project (70pts)**

- Detail the effects of the Nineteenth Amendment on women in American society.
  - Include information on the changing role of women in the workplace.
  - Explain women as flappers. How were these women so different then the women of America before 1920?
  - Detail the changes of clothing, fashion, style and the social norms of the flappers.
- Explain the growth of mass media.
  - Explain the growth of radio and its effect on American society.
  - How were sports effected by the growth of mass media. Who were the great sports heroes of the time period?
  - Explain the growth of the movie industry. What were the movies of the 1920s like?
  - Explain the obsession with fads during the 1920s.

Choose one of the following as part of your project: (30pts)

1. **Create a poster** display of the changes in fashion and style of the women of the 1920s or the movies and movie stars of the time period.
2. **Create a video or photostory** and include the video in your PowerPoint presentation that shows the changes in style and fashion of women of the 1920s or the movies and movie stars of the time period.
3. **Create a scrapbook** that shows the changes in style and fashion of women of the 1920s or the movies and movie stars of the time period.
4. **Create and perform a song** that explains the changing role of women in American society during the 1920s.
5. **Create a short journal, diary or blog** of a flapper of the 1920s.
The Jazz Age: Create a PowerPoint Project (70pts)

- Detail the music of the Jazz age.
  1. Include videos of Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington and Bessie Smith (all are available on You Tube).
  2. Explain the musical history of Jazz and why it is such a truly American art form.
- Explain the Harlem Renaissance.
  1. Include and explain a poem by Langston Hughes that you have not read in your English class.
  2. Include and explain some of the art of the famous artists of the Harlem Renaissance.
- Explain the Prohibition Era.
  1. Explain the Volstead Act.
  2. What were the effects of the ban on alcohol on America?
  3. Explain the unintended consequences of the ban (i.e.: the rise of organized crime).
  4. Explain the 21st Amendment and why it was finally approved.

Choose one of the following as part of your project: (30pts)

1. Create a poster display of the artwork of the Harlem Renaissance.
2. Create a video or photostory about the Prohibition period in America or the artwork and poetry of the Harlem Renaissance.
3. Create a scrapbook of the artwork and poetry of the Harlem Renaissance.
4. Create and perform a song about prohibition and either its positive or negative effect on American society in the 1920s.
5. Create a short journal, diary or blog someone living during the Prohibition era.