The Roaring 20s: Prezi Project

The 1920s were an age of dramatic social and political change. For the first time, more Americans lived in cities than on farms. The nation’s total wealth more than doubled between 1920 and 1929, and this economic growth swept many Americans into an affluent but unfamiliar “consumer society.” 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. Many Americans were uncomfortable with this new, urban, sometimes racy “mass culture”; in fact, for many–even most–people in the United States, the 1920s brought more conflict than celebration. However, for a small handful of young people in the nation’s big cities, the 1920s were roaring indeed.

**Task:** Students will create a Prezi multimedia presentation about a topic from the 1920s.

**Requirements:**

* Minimum of 10 slides (including Title and MLA formatted Works Cited slides)
* Appropriate images/graphics that enhance presentation

**Think about the following questions when researching and preparing slides:**

* + Who is the person(s) involved?
  + What happened/what did they do that was significant?
  + Where did this event/person take place/come from?
  + Why was the event/group/person important to America in the 1920s?
  + How were they representative or symbolic of this time period in American history?

**Topics:**

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| The Palmer Raids | Charles Lindbergh /Amelia Earhart |
| Marcus Garvey | Movie Industry in the 1920s |
| Teapot Dome Scandal | Duke Ellington |
| Automobile Industry | Louis Armstrong |
| Flappers | The Lost Generation of Writers |
| Sports in the 1920s | Langston Hughes |
| Music in the 1920s—Jazz Age | Prohibition—Law, Bootlegging, Speakeasies, etc. |
| Harlem Renaissance | Organized Crime—Al Capone |
| Scopes Trial |  |
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**\*\*\*This project is a 100 point project grade.**

**\*\*\*You must work with a partner.**

**\*\*\*You will have 3 days in the computer lab to complete this.**

**\*\*\*You will present these the following week to the class.**