



## THE TWENTIES IN AMERICA

**Your assignment is The Twenties:**

**Answer the following questions in paragraph form and be as complete as possible:**

### **1. Social Changes during the decade (500 to 1000 words)**

- A. How were American women seen by society? Include information on how they dressed and what opportunities for social mobility or careers were available.
- B. How were American men seen by society? How did men change in their outward appearance and new job opportunities?
- C. Movies and music of this time period. This area should include a discussion of
  - a. Five famous movie celebrities
  - b. Five pieces of popular music
- D. Prices of goods, services and housing. What did it cost to buy a house or rent an apartment? What would it cost to do the basic shopping for a week with items such as bread, milk, cheese, and a pound of ground beef? How much did it cost to outfit a woman, (dress, shoes) and the cost of a man's suit and shirt with tie? What did it cost to hire a cleaning lady or have the lawn cut?

### **2. The Scopes Trial**

Answer the following in paragraph form:

- A. What was the trial about? Explain in detail
- B. Write a brief biography of each of the following providing pictures
  - a. Prosecutor
  - b. Defense attorney
  - c. The accused
- C. In at least 250 words, explain how the decision of the court changed "Christian" America and how did the Tennessee State Court decision change America's schools thereafter. Include courtroom pictures.

### **3. Organized Crime in America (250 to 500 words)**

- A. Describe the types of crime in which the "Mafia" was involved during this time period.
- B. How did the crime families work for and against each other?
- C. What part did the Prohibition amendment play in the fueling of the many activities of "big-time" crime families?
- D. How did the American Government attempt to enforce Prohibition? What led to the eventual repeal of this amendment?
- E. Who were considered the "10 Most Wanted Criminals" of the decade? Include what areas of crime each of these men controlled, and in what manner did law enforcement eventually punish each one.

### **4. POSTORS:**

Create 3 "Wanted" Posters for any three of the 10 Most Wanted Criminals. Use an 8.5 x 11 piece of paper. Download a picture of the man and then enter all the necessary information to mimic what a wanted poster placed in the United States Post Offices of the 1920's would look like.