

Background

The Roaring Twenties ("fun-side" of the 1920s) was a unique era in American History. From jazz and flappers to baseball and movies, it was a time where many Americans were finding new ways of enjoying life. It was a time when new industries grew, many people became newly prosperous (sometimes of course through stock speculation), and leisure time increased for millions of people. In sum, it was an era of increasing speed of change in America where "out with the old and in with the new" was the urban motto of the day.

Unfortunately, as I mentioned about 7'7" basketball player George Muesan, "the bigger they are, the harder they fall". The Roaring Twenties came to a sudden "crashing" halt on October 29, 1929, otherwise known as Black Tuesday. The times of "easy living" and "getting rich quick" would quickly become a distant dream in the past for many Americans, who now would be in for a ten year "gut check" known as the Great Depression.

Assignments

1. Your task is to create a visual of an appropriate tombstone which marks the death of the Roaring Twenties.

- a. The epitaph on the tombstone should start with the words "Here lie the Roaring Twenties..." and include some mention of the causes of death..."Died from..."
- b. You should include born on / died on dates on your tombstone
- c. You should include at least two visuals which depict some aspect of the Roaring Twenties. Hmm - maybe Satchmo is talking to The Babe about the death of their favorite decade...just an idea!

2. A eulogy is a speech given at a funeral which memorializes/reflects on the life of the deceased. ("Bill was a man who..." for example) Obviously the usual topic to be eulogized is the person who has recently passed away. You will be using the technique of personification to give a funeral eulogy for the Roaring Twenties. To personify something is to regard or represent a thing, quality, or idea as a person.

- a. Your eulogy should be at minimum one page in length (size 12 font, double spaced, one inch margins)
- b. It should start as follows..."We are gathered here to pay tribute to our dear friend, the Roaring 20s. He/She was an era where..."
- c. Focus your tribute on describing what was "roaring" about the 1920s, and conclude with your thoughts on "why our dear fun loving friend's life was prematurely ended on Black Tuesday". Use specific content from your textbook and BE CREATIVE in your presentation!!!
- d. Include at least one visual which shows our audience what type of environment will replace the America of the Roaring Twenties (Great Depression related visual)

Assignment 1 -- 20 points

Assignment 2 -- 30 points

GOOD LUCK AND SEE ME WITH ANY QUESTIONS