**Objective:** To examine the cultural changes brought about by the Jazz Age. USHC 6.1

**Do Now:** Define the term <u>fad</u>, 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.



1) short, bobbed hair

2) bright-red lipstick



3) short skirts



thinking?

4) smoked cigarettes in public





5) drank alcohol in speakeasies



6) danced at jazz clubs







Louise Brooks, 1920's





One Artist's Idea of What Has Happened to Society. Printed in Literary Digest, 1921.

### Jazz Age

· Jazz music was created by African-Americans by combining African rhythms and European harmonies.

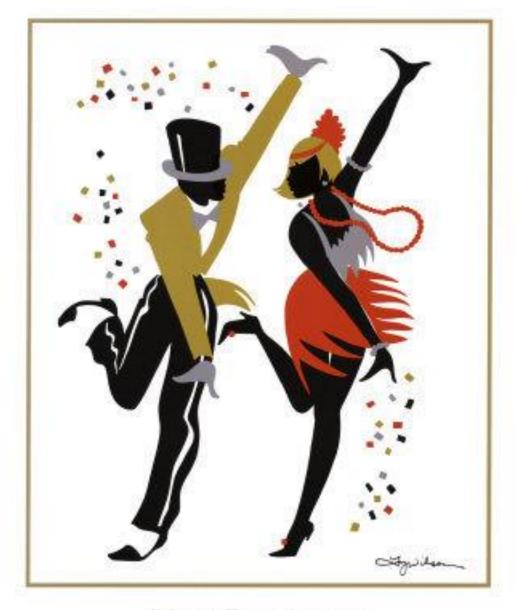
Ex.) Louis Armstrong was one of the first famous jazz musicians of the 1920's.



· Jazz music brought new forms of dancing.

Ex.) the Charleston and the shimmy

Video: Dances of the 1920's



The Charleston

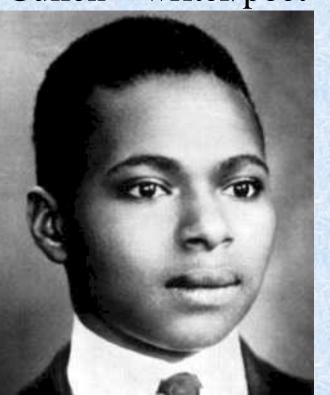
· Older Americans worried that jazz music was a bad influence on the nation's young people.



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.

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Harlem

Examples: Langston Hughes – writer / poet



"Harlem" by, Langston Hughes

What happens to a dream deferred?

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.

Does it dry up

Or does it explode?

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Examples: Zora Neale Hurston – writer / poet



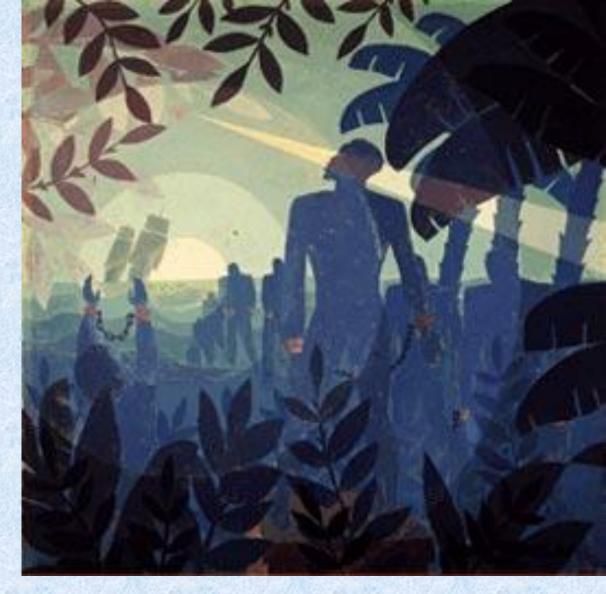
"The whole matter revolves around the self-respect of my people. How much satisfaction can I get from a court order for somebody to associate with me who does not wish me near them?"

- Zora Neale Hurston (1955)

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Examples: Aaron Douglas - painter





Into Bondage (1936)