# *The Great Gatsby* WebQuest

**Directions**: You are going to take an interactive tour of America in the 1920s by clicking on the links found at the above address. The information which you will read should help you in understanding the time period.

**Change from 1900s to 1920s:** <http://ehistory.osu.edu/osu/mmh/clash/Introduction/Intro.htm>

1. What happened to the value system of America during the 1920s?
2. Which organization was formed in the 1920s to escalate racial tension?
3. What is the Scopes trial? Why did it capture the attention of America?

**What to Wear:** <http://www.vintagedance.com/dress-20s.htm>

1. Describe what the ideal woman looked like in the 1920s.
2. What was the fashionable hair like for women in the 1920s? Describe it.
3. Describe the ideal fashion for men.

**Prohibition:** <http://www.essortment.com/prohibition-america-21019.html>

1. Why did prohibition go into effect?
2. How did the rise in the number of saloons contribute to saloons being “offensive institutions?”
3. How did prohibition “work”?

**F. Scott Fitzgerald:**<http://www.sc.edu/fitzgerald>

 “A Fitzgerald Chronology”

1. Sept. 24, 1896:
2. July 1918:
3. July- Aug. 1919:
4. Sept 16, 1919:
5. April 3, 1920:
6. October 26, 1921:
7. Mid April 1924:
8. April 10, 1925 :

“Brief Life of Fitzgerald”

1. List the 5 dominate influences on F. Scott Fitzgerald:
2. Who was Fitzgerald named after and what is this person famous for?
3. Who was Zelda Sayre?
4. How and why did she break Fitzgerald's heart?
5. Where did Fitzgerald travel to in 1919 in hopes of seeking his fortune?
6. What was one of the first things that Fitzgerald did after his novel, *This Side of Paradise* was published in 1920?
7. What reputation got in the way of Fitzgerald's solid literary reputation?
8. Why was Fitzgerald considered an irresponsible writer?

**Book Cover:**<http://www.sc.edu/fitzgerald/essays/eyes/eyes.html>

1. What came first? The painting or the novel?
2. Cugat's rendition is symbolic, even iconic; the sad, , heavily outlines of a woman like through a night sky.
3. What are the irises?
4. “Below on earth, brightly colored blaze before a metropolitan skyline.”
5. It has been alleged that Fitzgerald's symbolic billboard eyes of   were devised from Cugat's jacket.”