


The Great Gatsby: Pre-Reading

	F. Scott Fitzgerald	The Arts	Famous People of the 1920s	Prohibition	Planes, Trains, and Automobiles
5	After whom was F. Scott Fitzgerald named?	What was the Lost Generation's claim to fame? What did they produce?	Who was John Scopes and why was he involved in a monkey trial?	In 1925 there were more than 100,000 speakeasies in New York alone. What is a speakeasy?	Charles Lindbergh is one of the most famous figures of the 20th Century. What is his claim to fame?
10	How did the failures of his father affect Fitzgerald's life and attitudes?	What influence did Duke Ellington have on music?	Who was Jack Dempsey? What was "The Long Count"?	Organized crime skyrocketed in the 1920s. How did Prohibition encourage and contribute to the rise of organized crime's power?	Explain the social and economic effects of the automobile on American life in the 1920s.
15	Summarize Zelda and Scott Fitzgerald's romantic life together (dating-engagement-marriage-'til death did them part).	Identify some of the key figures of the Harlem Renaissance. Why was this an important era in American History?	Identify the three parts of the world Marcus Garvey hoped to link with his Black Star Line. What was his purpose?	 <p style="text-align: center;">FREE POINTS</p>	Identify a characteristic that Henry Ford possessed which contributed to his success in life. Define the quality and give an example of Ford's behavior that illustrates the characteristic.
30	How is Fitzgerald's own life similar to the lives of his characters? Compare his life to at least two of his literary works.	The Motion Picture Industry grew throughout the 1920s. How is the movie industry of today similar to and different from the industry in the 1920s? Consider the movies (genres, costs standards), the stars, and the theaters. What has changed and what has stayed the same?	Al Capone was one of the most notorious crime figures of the 1920s. Still he made an extensive effort to endear himself to the public. Write two paragraphs about Capone—one summarizing his criminal activities and another highlighting his positive contributions to society.	Compare and contrast the attempts to control alcohol consumption in the U.S. during Prohibition to attempts made today to control illegal drug use.	Trains and planes were both used for commercial passenger travel in the 1920s. Compare and contrast the typical passengers of planes and trains in the 1920s.
50	Defend Fitzgerald's right to the title of spokesperson for his generation	Explain how jazz played a role in the struggle for social and legal equality in United States history during the twentieth century.	Explain what happened in the trials of Sacco and Vanzetti? Include information about the crime they were accused of, their defense, the evidence against them, the verdict, and the effect of the trial on the American public.	Prohibition was about more than getting Americans to stop drinking. What other social issues were linked to this movement? Who had the most interest in seeing the movement succeed? Why?	How did Henry Ford change the face of industry and manufacturing in the United States? Choose a business or industry that exists today and explain Ford's influence.