

The Great Gatsby FBI's Historical Investigative Report

Requirements:

- ✓ At least three page typed, double spaced, MLA format
- ✓ 12 point Times New Roman font
- ✓ Must fully address the topic, utilize AP/College level topics they have influenced Fitzgerald's writing
- ✓ Include citations in the paper and a bibliography with at least three sources
- ✓ Powerful presentation of information with a total of 7 to 8 slides (no more, no less)
- ✓ Powerful presentation must include at least one slide and one video

Topic Options

1. Between 1920 and 1929, automobile registrations rose from eight million to nearly three million. What effect a new automobile had on the lives of American people (population, gender, industry, roads, car accidents)? What contribution did Ford make to the automobile industry?
2. How did women's fashions change in the 1920s and how did you succeed or even lose yourself? How do they reflect the new freedoms women were enjoying in the twenties?
3. Immigrants began to come into the United States in large numbers after 1900. Research the history of immigration to the U.S., particularly during the 1920s. What legislation was passed by Congress concerning immigration in the 1920s (see the Emergency Quota Act of 1921, and the Immigration Act of 1924)?
4. In *The Great Gatsby* there are many references to illegal activity: bootlegging, bootlegging, police complicity in crime. Research criminal activity in the 1920s, including the Harding Administration scandals, the Teapot Dome scandal.
5. Detail the stock market crash of 1929. Why did it happen and what was its aftermath? How did it lead to the Great Depression?
6. The Eighteenth Amendment, the Prohibition Act, was passed in 1919. How and why did the temperance movement see this defeat? How did it affect the country? When and why was it repealed?
7. Charles A. Lindbergh was a very important figure in the 1920s. In 1927 he made the first solo nonstop transatlantic flight. How did this flight affect Americans? And what other parts of Lindbergh's life became important in the psyche of the American people?
8. The Nineteenth Amendment was made effective in 1920. Trace the history of the women's suffrage movement. What arguments were made for and against women's suffrage. Were any of these ideas or worries realized? How has women's right to vote changed the United States?
9. Research a few of the major literary figures of the 1920s discuss their contributions to American literature. Some of these writers include F. Scott Fitzgerald, James William Johnson, Ernest Hemingway, Sherwood Anderson, Robert Frost, Eugene O'Neill, Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston, Claude McKay, Gertrude Stein.
10. The 1920s is often called the Golden Age of Sports. What accomplishments were made in sport in the twenties? What was involved in these accomplishments?