

The 1920s

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City Traveling

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Walter Temple Builds New House in Puente

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Clara Bow Startles Fans

Clara Bow was seen last night in Hollywood with a "bobbed" haircut. In addition to her new hairstyle she wore one of the shortest dresses we have ever seen in women's fashions. It is quite shocking to see women with "bobbed" hair, but now short skirts and dresses?

Pop-Up Toaster Invented

The McGraw Electric Company has invented a marvelous new toaster which pops-up your bread when it is toasted. The company also manufactures other labor-saving electrical appliances such as waffle molds and percolators.

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The 1920s Lesson Plan

Objective:

1. To discover and explore the history of California in the 1920s

Time: 30-45 minutes

Materials:

1. "The 1920s"

Directions:

1. **Review** the definition of "decade" with your students.
2. **Distribute** "The 1920s."
3. Have students **read** "The 1920s" individually, in pairs, groups, or as a class. You may want to review the vocabulary words in bold.
4. When finished point out the **highlights** of the 1920s—the population of Los Angeles, what kind of work people did, what kind of houses people lived in, and how people traveled to and from places. Each of the highlights will be discussed with students when they visit the Homestead Museum.
5. **Compare** the highlights of the 1920s with the 1840s and 1870s. What changes occurred from the 1840s? The 1870s?

Additional activities:

1. **Writing exercise:** Ask students to imagine they are a movie star or tourist. Have them write a letter to a friend on the East Coast of the United States describing California in the 1920s.
2. **Research:** Have students compare and contrast what is happening in California to what is happening in another state in the 1920s.

Links to standards

History/Social Studies: 4.1.3, 4.1.4, 4.1.5, 4.4.2, 4.4.3, 4.4.6

Language Arts: RI.4.1, RI.4.2, RI.4.4, RF.4.3, RF.4.4a&c, W.4.1a-d, W.4.3a-e, W.4.4, W.4.7, SL.4.1, SL.4.2, SL.4.3, SL.4.5

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