

# Lecture: “America Goes Pop”

Learning Target: I can describe the various forms of popular culture that were “big” in the 1920’s

# I-America begins developing a popular culture

A-America had culture before 1920, but it becomes popular in the 1920's

1-Ex of pre-1920's culture: Ashcan School (began about 1900)

A) AKA New York Realists

B) Artists who painted realistic scenes

C) Ex: *The Wrestlers* and *Sixth Avenue*

D) Artists involved included George Bellows, John Sloan, Robert Henri, Everett Shinn, George Luks, and Arthur B. Davis

2-Why? Because the 8 hour work day gave people free time

3-Fads became influential in American Society

A) Dress

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## 4-Entertainment

### A) Movies

1) First “talkie” The Jazz Singer (1927)

### B) Radio

### C) Sports

### D) Jazz Music

### E) Dance

1) Charleston

2) Lindy Hop

\* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJC21zzkwoE>

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## 5-Stunts

- A) Dance Marathons
- B) Pole sitting
- C) Auto racing



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6-“Safe recreation”

A) Mah Jong

B) Crossword puzzles

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B-Heroes began being important people in society

1-Sports



(Baseball) Jackie Robinson (Baseball) Player



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## 1-Sports

- A) Babe Ruth
- B) Ty Cobb
- C) Red Grange
- D) Jack Dempsey
- E) Knute Rockne
- F) Walter Johnson
- G) Cool Papa Bell
- H) Josh Gibson



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## 2-Music

- A) “Jelly Roll”  
Morton
- B) Louis  
Armstrong
- C) Bessie Smith
- D) Duke  
Ellington

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3-Movies



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## 3-Movies

- A) John Barrymore
- B) Mary Pickford
- C) Charlie Chaplin
- D) Lillian Gish
- E) Stan Laurel & Oliver Hardy
- F) Rudolph Valentino
- G) Douglas Fairbanks Sr.
- H) Tom Mix
- I) Al Jolson

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## 4-Aviation

### A) Charles Lindberg

- 1) 1<sup>st</sup> person to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean
- 2) Plane: Spirit of St. Louis
- 3) Born in Little Falls, MN



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## 5-Harlem Renaissance

A) the emergence of Black artists

1) included all parts of the arts

A)-Playwrights'

B)-Actors

C)-Musicians

D)-Composers'

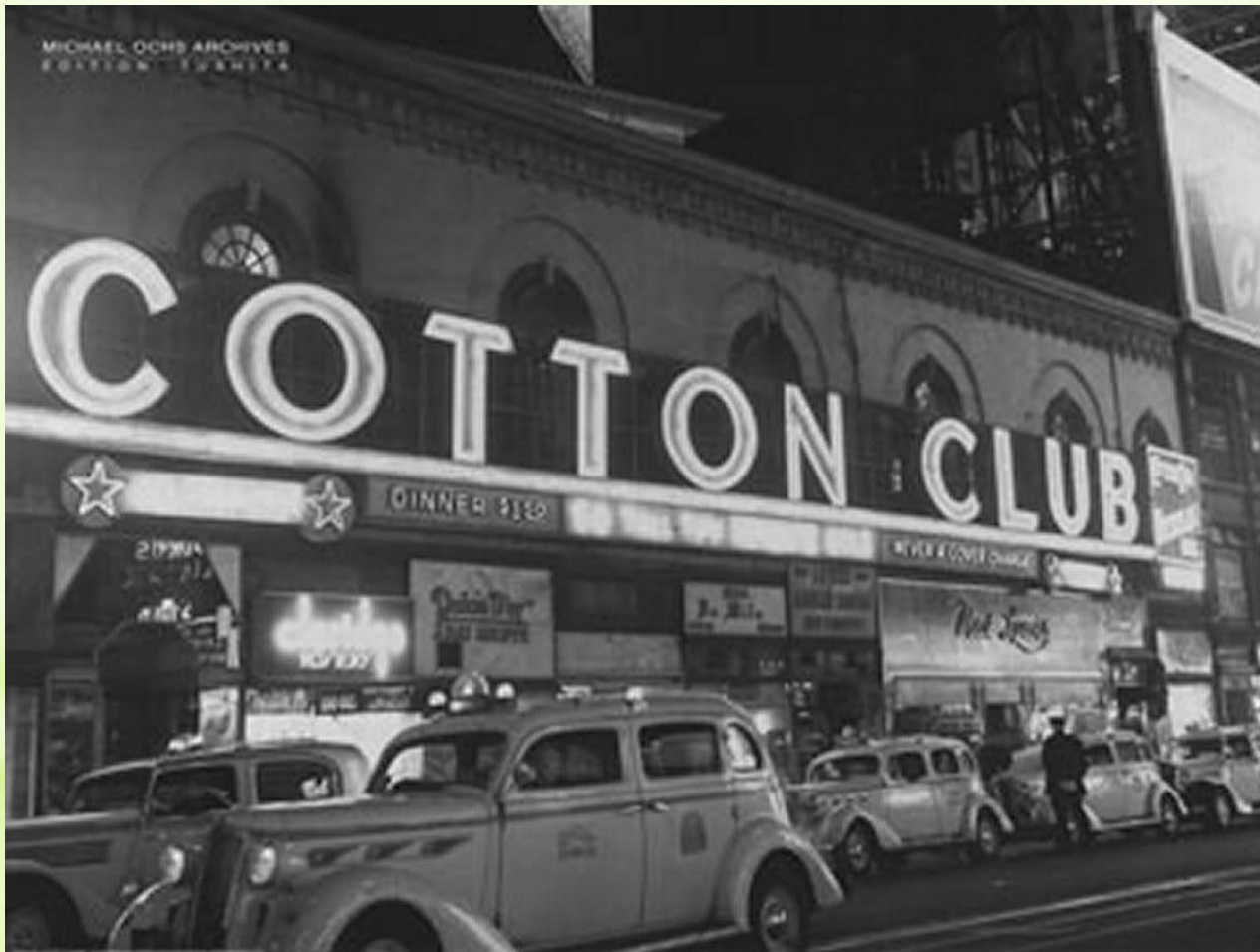
E)-Artists

F)-Photographers

B) centered in the Harlem district of New York City

C) Most famous place is Cotton Club

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## 6-Writers

- A) Sinclair Lewis: Main Street
- B) F. Scott Fitzgerald: The Great Gatsby
- C) T.S. Elliott (poetry)
- D) Eugene O'Neill (playwright)
- E) Langston Hughes