The decade of the 1920’s is a very important time in American History. Because there were so many events that occurred in such a short period of time, we will not be able to cover them all in class. For this unit, you will choose a topic from the list below that interests you and research it on your own. If you are interested in researching a topic of the 1920’s that is not listed below, see me and we can arrange it.

Your finished product should consist of a 3-5 minute presentation to the class complete with a visual, as well as a 3-5 page research paper on the topic.

1. Red Scare: The Sacco and Vanzetti Case
   Threat of Communism, and why are people so afraid of it.
2. Automobile I: The Life and Times of Henry Ford
   Look at Ford, the innovator, and discuss what impact he himself had on society.
3. Automobile II: The new world of Automobility
   How did the automobile change society?
4. The Mass Media I: Radio
   Describe the new mass culture created by the radio.
5. The Mass Media II: The birth of movies and movie stars.
   Detail the impact of this new phenomenon.
6. Changing roles of Women
   Describe the styles and lifestyles of the Flapper as well as the women’s struggle for equality.
7. Evolution and the Scopes Trial
   Describe the rise of religious fundamentalism and the clash between religion and science.
8. Fighting Racism
   Discuss the importance of the NAACP, the UNIA, Marcus Garvey, and/or Black Nationalism.
9. Jazz Age I
   The origins and nature of jazz and its various styles should be examined.
10. Jazz Age II
    Discuss the importance of the musician’s work. Highlight one specific musician or piece.
11. Painters of the Harlem Renaissance
    Examine the contributions of artists to the Harlem Renaissance. Highlight one specific artist or piece.
12. Poets of the Harlem Renaissance
    Examine the contributions of literature to the Harlem Renaissance. Highlight one specific author, poet or piece.
13. Heroes of American Aviation
    Discuss the importance of either Charles Lindbergh or Amelia Earhart to American culture by describing their life and times.
    Discuss America’s love affair with baseball and Babe Ruth, or The Black Sox Scandal or any other 1920’s popular sport.
15. Organized Crime
    Examine the crime bosses in Chicago and detail Al Capone’s life and legacy.
16. Racism and Nativism in the 20s
    Describe the impact that the Ku Klux Klan had on 1920’s society.
17. Immigration Restriction
    Explain the philosophy behind the Comprehensive Immigration Law of 1924 and the quotas it established.