

1920s RESEARCH PROJECT

MRS. WEBB - ENGLISH III

All that Jazz!

The 1920s were an exciting period in American history, complete with numerous social changes and cultural conflicts. For this assignment, each of you will research and create a presentation on a topic related to the 1920s and the novel, The Great Gatsby. Then, each student will participate in a Gatsby party/gallery walk and view all of the presentations. This will count as **FOUR grades: Research (Daily Grade), Presentation (Test Grade), Works Cited (Daily Grade), Gallery Walk (Daily Grade)**.

HOW TO BEGIN:

Break your topic into **three subtopics** that you will research. This will help you focus your research. Here's an example: If my topic is F. Scott Fitzgerald, three subtopics could be: His childhood, His family, and His career.

You need at least **FOUR different sources** for your works cited. **No Wikipedia.** You will need to submit a works cited page done in MLA format. You will also place your works cited at the end of your presentation.

Find at least **TEN pieces of information for each subtopic**. These can be facts, statistics, quotes, anecdotes, or anything you find interesting. This will be your research grade and will help build your presentation.

Please read all information carefully. You should be writing paragraph style on your slides. **NO BULLET POINTS** should be used.

No late submissions will be taken! It must be turned in by 2:30pm on the due date in the correct format. Don't wait until the last minute!



The Nitty-Gritty:

- Create a visually pleasing presentation in Google Slides using your research.
- Label each of your subtopics.
- You must type the information, using short paragraph style chunks - no bullet points,
- You must have at least **four photos**, graphics, or illustrations for your project. These must have a border.
- Each picture needs a caption identifying what (and who) is being shown.
- Your project should be interesting and creative, but keep your creativity related to the topic. For example, if your poster is on Prohibition, glitter flower designs are not appropriate.
- You must have a title slide with your name and the topic of your project.
- Your works cited page must be shared with Mrs. Webb as a separate file **AND** be the last page of your Google Slides presentation.



YOUR SOURCES:

You must have at least **FOUR** sources for your project. Any less than **FOUR** will result in points being deducted. You may have more.

The sources must be listed in proper MLA style on a separate sheet. This must be typed and shared with Mrs. Webb. Your sources must **also** be listed in proper MLA format at the end of your Google Slides presentation.

Need help designing your project? Here are some tips:

by **The Green Light**

Mrs. Webb

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Think first about what you want to convey with your project. The design you create will also help the viewer understand your topic.

What google slide background works best for your presentation? Don't pick a color just because you like it. Make sure it fits.

You need a minimum of four images in your presentation. You may have more. Make sure your images are relevant to the information you are presenting.

Use the space on google slides wisely. Don't have pockets of empty space. This being said, make sure there isn't too much stuff on your project so we can't read the information.

Have fun with your title. Make sure it conveys what you need it to convey about your topic. Most importantly, make sure we can read it.

PICTURES: MOUNTED & CAPTIONED



* Every picture you use on your poster **MUST** have a caption explaining the image. No caption = no credit.



See this white border around the photo? To get this look in your presentation, you create a shape slightly larger than your picture. This makes the photo stand out more on your poster. Every picture must have a border. I have a video showing how to do this on my website.

Make sure the images are of good quality that you use. If the image looks blurry, don't use it. Remember, you must cite your photos too using an MLA format citation.

Be creative and ask for help if you need it! Make this a great presentation that you can be proud of. Your fellow students, other teachers, administration, and even central office gets to take a look at these!

By the numbers: THE ASSIGNMENT BREAKDOWN



Make sure you follow the number guidelines and have **THREE subtopics** and have at least **TEN pieces of information** for each subtopic.



There are four separate grades for this project.. This will be a large percentage of your second quarter grade. Do your best work and submit on time. The due date will be announced at a later

Subtopics 3
Facts per subtopics 10
Sources required 4
Minimum # pictures 4
Grades for this project 4
Becoming an Expert
Priceless!