

★ Content Vocabulary Activity 7

The Jazz Age, 1921–1929

DIRECTIONS: Circle the term that best fits each description. Then answer the questions at the bottom of the page.

1. A government's power to control people and property in the interest of public safety, health, welfare, and morals
 - A. prohibition
 - B. police powers
 - C. power of force
2. American style of music using syncopated rhythms and melodies
 - A. jazz
 - B. blues
 - C. ragtime
3. Someone who opposes all forms of government
 - A. Communist
 - B. anarchist
 - C. Marxist
4. A place where alcoholic beverages were sold illegally
 - A. bar
 - B. still
 - C. speakeasy
5. A form of communication such as television and radio intended to reach a mass audience
 - A. mass reporting
 - B. mass communication
 - C. mass media
6. The belief that God created the world as described in the Bible
 - A. creationism
 - B. fundamentalism
 - C. theism
7. A young, unconventional woman of the 1920s
 - A. career woman
 - B. Bohemian
 - C. flapper
8. Style of music with a melancholy sound derived from African American spirituals
 - A. jazz
 - B. blues
 - C. ragtime
9. Theory that humans and other forms of life evolved over time
 - A. eugenics
 - B. deism
 - C. evolution
10. A person living an unconventional lifestyle
 - A. anarchist
 - B. Bohemian
 - C. flapper
11. A science that deals with the improvement of hereditary traits of a race or breed
 - A. eugenics
 - B. evolution
 - C. nativism
12. Briefly describe the purpose of President Harding's Emergency Quota Act of 1921.

13. Explain how the Great Migration of African Americans helped fuel the Harlem Renaissance.

Academic Vocabulary Activity 7 (continued) ★ ★ ★ ★

Test Your Knowledge

Directions: Select the word that is the same or nearly the same as the word given.

1. contribute
 - a. cease
 - b. add
 - c. disagree
2. unconventional
 - a. complicated
 - b. simple
 - c. different
3. persistent
 - a. occasional
 - b. continuous
 - c. late
4. innovative
 - a. old-fashioned
 - b. modern
 - c. unnecessary
5. diverse
 - a. creative
 - b. similar
 - c. varied
6. restrict
 - a. tighten
 - b. announce
 - c. loosen
7. stock
 - a. strike
 - b. supply
 - c. welfare

Directions: Use your knowledge of each underlined word to decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

8. ____ The eugenics movement was an attempt to justify racist actions against immigrants to the United States.
9. ____ The new ethics of the 1920s was embraced by all Americans.
10. ____ American art during the 1920s was notable for its lack of diversity.
11. ____ Babe Ruth emerged as the most dominant baseball player of his era.
12. ____ While the nation was strained by the new morals of the twentieth century, the mass media helped unify the nation with a sense of shared national experience.