

1920s:

THE
JAZZ
AGE



Jazz Age

Jazz became widely popular in the 1920's. Jazz was music that was mostly improvisation or making up the music while playing. Jazz mainly grew out of African American music in the south. One of the most famous places to listen to jazz was Harlem, a city with over 500 jazz clubs.

Lost Generation

The lost generation was a collection of writers who saw American culture as artless and uninspired. Many of them left America because they felt repelled by their society. Flappers decided to take on this term themselves because they liked to imagine themselves as living a dangerous and fast life.

Louis Armstrong

Louis was born and grew up in New Orleans. he learned how to play the trumpet and in 1923, he made his first recordings with King Oliver's jazz band. Because of him, long solos became a thing in music. He also came up with "scat" or singing with syllables not words.

Duke Ellington

He was born in Washington D.C. In 1923, him and several other musicians moved to New York City and formed a band. He stayed with his band until 75 when he died. He wrote over 1,000 songs in his career.

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