

Scavenger Hunt for Modernism 1900–1945

On a separate piece of paper, answer the following questions using the websites provided. Answer all questions in complete sentences. Be prepared to share your findings with the rest of the class during discussion.

1. Who is Robert Frost?
2. What are some of the themes and historical perspectives in his writing?
3. What style, or artistic conventions did he use?

4. Who is Gertrude Stein?
5. What are some of the themes and historical perspectives in her writing?
6. What style, or artistic conventions did he use?

7. Who is F. Scott Fitzgerald?
8. What are some of the themes and historical perspectives in his writing?
9. What style, or artistic conventions did he use?

10. Who is Ernest Hemingway?
11. What are some of the themes and historical perspectives in his writing?
12. What style, or artistic conventions did he use?

13. Who is William Faulkner?
14. What are some of the themes and historical perspectives in his writing?
15. What style, or artistic conventions did he use?

<http://www9.georgetown.edu/faculty/bassr/heath/syllabuild/iguide/modern.html>

World War I:

16. Why did America enter WWI?
17. What effect did WWI have on literature in America?
18. How is Alan Seeger?
19. Read Seeger's poem "Rendezvous" and summarize its meaning.

<http://www.firstworldwar.com/source/usawardeclaration.htm>

<http://www.firstworldwar.com/poetsandprose/seeger.htm>

Jazz Age:

20. Describe Flapper Fashion of the 1920s.
21. What is the Scopes Trial?

22. What is the 18th Amendment? 19th Amendment?
23. Explain what "the crash" was and how it affected American culture.
24. What is Art Deco? Give an example.
25. What is a speakeasy?
26. Who is Eliot Ness, Al Capone, Lucky Luciano, and Arnold Rothstein? And what effect did they have on American Culture?

<http://faculty.pittstate.edu/%7Eknichols/jazzage.html>

Lost Generation:

27. What is the Lost Generation? Who was involved?
28. What is an expatriate?

<http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/hpolscrv/jbolhofer.html>