

Performance Task 1 – Newspaper

Setting and Role:

- You are one of a group of reporters writing for a 1920's era newspaper.

Goal or Challenge:

- The goal is to show understanding of social, political, economic, moral and cultural issues of the time period while reflecting their relevance to the American Dream and incorporating events within the novel where appropriate.

Product/Performance and Purpose:

- First, divide the different areas of the newspaper among your group so each member/reporter has a specific area of responsibility.
- Next, research your area for relevant stories of the time period.
- Then, write your newspaper stories including relevant story that could be created using events in the novel.
- Finally, with your group format the sections and overall paper design including graphics, columns, headers, advertising, cartoons, editorials &/or letters to the editor, etc.

Audience:

- Your paper must be visually attractive as well as entertaining and informative reading for your peers.
- The overall evaluation will be determined by rubric criteria by your teacher or a teacher panel of judges.

Criteria for Success:

- Your newspaper must...
 - have design and graphics appropriate to newspaper style
 - include stories written and formatted with a clear organizational style and understanding of events, people, and essence of the period
 - show a comprehensive understanding of the elements of the period, the American Dream, and the novel in combination

Performance Task 2 – *The Great Gatsby*

Setting and Role:

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Goal or Challenge

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