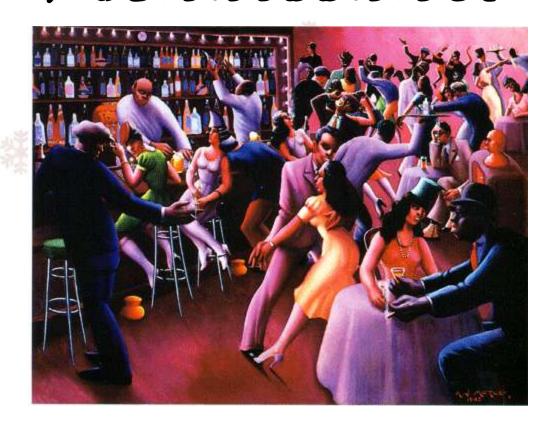


# The Harlem Renaissance





- 1910-1920
- Why?
  - Racial violence and economic discrimination
  - Boll weevil infestation, floods, and droughts destroyed crops
- Many sharecroppers wanted something more





#### MAACP

- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- Founded in 1909 by W.E.B. Du Bois
- Urged blacks to protest racial violence
- "Thou Shall Not Kill"
- Non-violence protests
- Anti-lynching laws

## NAACP FOUNDERS February 12, 1909 Ida W.E.B Henry Mary Oswald Garrison Villard Wells-Barnett DuBois Moscowitz White Ovington Garrison Villard



### Marcus Garvey

- Jamaican immigrant
- Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA)
- Believed blacks should build a separate society
  - Promote African American businesses
- Called for an independent African nation and encouraged blacks to colonize Africa



#### Harlem Renaissance

Harlem, upper west side of NYC; became world's largest black urban community
Harlem Renaissance: literary and artistic movement celebrating African American







#### Writers

- Literary movement led by well educated, middle class African Americans
- Celebrated their heritage and their people's folklore
- Claude McKay
  - Jamaican immigrant, wrote poetry
  - Resisting prejudice and discrimination
  - Wrote what it's like being black in a white dominated world



#### Writers

- Langston Hughes
  - Poetry followed rhythms of jazz and blues
  - Lives of everyday black workers
- Zora Neale Hurston
  - Novels, folklores, poetry
  - Portrayed lives of poor, uneducated, southern blacks
  - Celebrated the common person's art form
  - Their Eyes Were Watching God



## The Gazz Age

- New Orleans, instrumental rag time and vocal blues
- Louis Armstrong
  - Trumpet player
  - Defining jazz: "man, if you gotta ask, you'll never know"
- Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington
  - Jazz pianist and composer
- Bessie Smith
  - Blues singer