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F.Scott Fitzgerald: The Great American Dreamer
Viewing Questions

Directions: Answer the following questions that are based on A&E Biography's *F.Scott Fitzgerald: The Great American Dreamer*. The questions are in order.

1. How did the "Jazz Age," a phrase Fitzgerald coined, provide a climate favorable to his work?
2. Why are the 1920s known as the "Roaring Twenties." What made this decade so different from the decade before or after it?
3. How did the failures of F. Scott's father affect his life and attitudes?
4. Although he attended the finest schools, Fitzgerald came from a modest background. How did he use his budding literary talents to gain social acceptance during his schooldays?
5. Zelda Fitzgerald was the quintessential "Southern belle" during her youth. What is a "Southern belle?" How does it reflect cultural differences between the northern and southern regions of the United States in the late 19th and early 20th centuries?

6. Although Ernest Hemingway and Fitzgerald were friends, why was there a jealous tension between them? Had they collaborated, how could they have used their jealousy to create a great work?

7. The “Roaring Twenties” gave way to the Great Depression of the 1930s. How did F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald’s lives mirror the historical timeline of their era?

8. How did Fitzgerald draw on his own life experiences to create his characters and plot lines?

9. How did alcoholism play a role in the destruction of Zelda and F. Scott Fitzgerald’s lives?

10. How was Fitzgerald a spokesperson for his generation? Why is his writing so popular and influential now? Why do you think he didn’t become a big success until after his death?

(The entire video can be found here in 5 parts: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X_g-0u1wfNc.)