

Cultural Elements of the 1930s

I can discuss the cultural elements of the 1930s and explain the contributions of Duke Ellington, Margaret Mitchell and Jesse Owens.

Duke Ellington



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Why is Duke Ellington famous?

What award did President Johnson bestow on Duke Ellington?

What award did President Nixon bestow on Duke Ellington?

How many Grammy Awards did Duke Ellington win?

Why did the Cotton Club close in February of 1936?

What do you think of Duke Ellington's music sample 1?

What do you think about sample 2?

Duke Ellington's Legacy

In the 1930s jazz music morphed into a new kind of music known as “swing.” People could listen to music on the radio for free and swing music quickly became the favorite music of the nation. Duke Ellington was one of the people that helped to create this new music. He was a pianist, a composer and a bandleader. Many people call him the most influential musicians of the 20th century!

Margaret Mitchell



Margaret Mitchell

- When was Gone With the Wind published?
- What major award did Margaret Mitchell win for her book?
- What contribution did Mitchell make to the American effort to win World War II?
- What does Scarlett vow in this scene?
- What incident helped Mitchell to decide to write her novel?
- What honor was bestowed on Mitchell in 1994?
- What was the nickname of the place Mitchell lived to write Gone with the Wind?

Margaret Mitchell's Legacy

In the year 1930, America was in a great depression. On October 29, 1929 the stock market had crashed, people lost their money in banks, for many that lost money was their life savings. Unemployment was high, soup kitchens were numerous, misery was everywhere but somehow people had enough money to purchase the book *Gone With the Wind*, written by Margaret Mitchell. Scarlett O'Hara, the book's main character, lived in Atlanta, Georgia and lived through difficult and trying tragedies that affected her life and the life of her family. People living thru the terrible depression could identify with Scarlett and her tragedies! *Gone With the Wind* was made into very successful movie in 1939.

Jesse Owens



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What kind of work did Jesse Owens father do in Alabama?

When and how did his name change from his birth name to Jesse Owens?

Where did his athletic career begin?

What year did Jesse Owens participate in the Olympics?

What are three major awards that Jesse Owens won?

Where is the Jesse Owens Memorial Park located?

Watch the video Bobby's Bama

List three facts you find unique about Jesse Owens from the video.

Jesse Owens

U.S. track star Jesse Owens made history at the 1936 Berlin Olympics 75 years ago, when he destroyed Adolf Hitler's myth of Aryan supremacy by winning four gold medals. Today, we remember him as the greatest track star of all time as well as a beloved American but history remembers him as the man that refused to allow hate to threaten or to overshadow the Olympic Games of 1936.