AP US History: 1920s Radio Broadcast Project

**Task: Create a four to six-minute radio broadcast about your assigned topic using any recording program from which you can email me. You may use your phone or your laptop to record. Any other format, including use of text or pictures, is unacceptable as it would not mirror the 1920s.**

Directions:

* Write a script for your broadcast, **explaining at minimum all ideas/terms listed under your theme**. You should conduct additional research, and add other important related information.
* You should start your broadcast by introducing yourselves to your listeners (This is Jazzy Joseph or Bluesy Brandon), giving the date of your broadcast (depends on topic, 192\_), and your news station (historically accurate – all should be KDKA, first radio station).
* Choose at least one 1920s song that’s appropriate to your topic for your background music. Make sure it doesn’t overpower your voice. Your song must be from the 1920s. It may not be a recreation of something from the 1920s, nor can it be jazz or blues from a different era.
* Practice reading your script with your partner or group. (who says what, tone, volume, etc.). All group members must speak. Include some “hip to the jive” slang in your broadcast to reflect the time (in other words – Google 1920s slang).
* Record your broadcast.
* Email it to Mrs. Lacks by the due date.

**Group 1: Dark Side of the 1920s**

Prohibition: origins, speakeasies, Al Capone (St. Valentine’s Day Massacre), sources of alcohol, anti-prohibition rallies in Chicago

Nativism: nativism (Sacco & Vanzetti Trial), KKK, religious fundamentalism (Scopes Trial), immigration restrictions, Marcus Garvey

**Group 2: Arts & Culture**

Entertainment: Sports (Babe Ruth, Jack Dempsey, Bobby Jones), movies (specifically Jazz Singer) – origins, talkies, film stars; radio

Harlem Renaissance: Harlem, Langston Hughes, writers, themes, birth of jazz and blues

**Group 3: Advancement & Achievement**

Advancement: Lindberg’s Atlantic Crossing, radio, cars (changed life, esp for teenagers), any other interesting inventions

Fashion & Role of Women: new clothing/hair styles, flappers, political and economic opportunities for women

**Presentation Date: February 20th**

All recordings will be played for the class.