The Harlem Renaissance - Vocab Cards

Billie Holiday]>

African American jazz and blues singer whose nickname was Lady Day. She was born in Philadelphia in 1915.

I love today's jazz musicians, but I love the classic jazz singers most of all. Billie Holiday is my favorite.



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double consciousness]>

a concept, coined by W.E.B. Du Bois in 1903, that describes a minority individual feeling as though their identity is divided into several parts, making it difficult or impossible to have one unified identity, because of a prejudiced society. In relation to race in the US, Du Bois said that Black Americans are forced to view themselves through the eyes of a racist society.

W.E.B. Du Bois' theory of _double consciousness_ noted the identity struggles of many African Americans.

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Great Migration]>

the relocation of millions of African Americans from the rural South to northern and western cities in the US from 1910 to 1970. Many moved to escape Southern poverty and segregationist laws following the outbreak of World War I.

During the _Great Migration_, about six million African Americans moved out of the South in search of opportunities in the North and West.



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Harlem]>

a section of northern Manhattan in New York City, known since the 1920s as a hub for African-American culture.

On a trip to New York City, I visited _Harlem_ and went to the famous Apollo Theater where many popular jazz musicians have performed.



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Jazz Age]>

a period in the 1920s when jazz music and dance became popular in the United States and Western Europe.

If I could live during any period of American history, I'd choose the _Jazz Age_ because I love big band music and the dance styles of the 1920s.



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Langston Hughes]>

African American writer and poet. His first piece was published in 1921 and he continued to write and publish throughout the first half of the 20th century.

One of America's most cherished writers from the first half of the 20th century is African American _Langston Hughes_. His poetry was deeply political as well as personal, and was influenced by the sounds of blues and jazz.



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renaissance]>

a renewed interest or rebirth of something; a movement or period of vigorous artistic and intellectual activity.

The town experienced a cultural _renaissance_ in food and music as new people migrated there.



Synonyms: renewal, revival

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W.E.B. Du Bois]>

American sociologist, historian and civil rights activist. In addition to his many essays and books, he was one of the founders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in 1909.

W.E.B. Du Bois is an important figure in sociology. He wrote many famous works about American society and the experience of African Americans and was a civil rights activist.



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Zora Neale Hurston]>

American writer and folklorist. Her works celebrate African American culture. Her novel Their Eyes Were Watching God was published in 1937.

I enjoyed reading the novels of _Zora Neale Hurston_, including Their Eyes Were Watching God, but I actually found her autobiography to be an even stronger work.



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