

1920s: Out on the Town

Use these discussion questions to guide your class exploration of the 1920s Street Scene on Floors 3 and 3M:

Floor 3

Recruiting Station: In the 1920s, many of the young men living in Michigan had been soldiers in World War I just a few years ago. Many young women had been combat nurses. How do you think experiencing the war might have changed their lives?

Durant Motors: Flip through the catalogue of old cars. Which one would you want to buy? How does it look different from cars today?

City Bookstore: Many of the books in the window here are still popular today. Which ones look the most interesting to read? What's your favorite book ever?

Gas station: All prices change over time. How much does gas cost here? How much does it cost today?

The Majestic Theatre: What's the last movie you saw in a theater? What kind of movies do you think they were watching in the 1920s?

J. L. Hudson's: At its peak, about 100,000 people visited the 49-story Hudson's store every day to shop. How does your family shop for everyday items?

S. S. Kresge: If you could buy anything from this window display, what would it be? Why?

Community Center: What are some of the services the Community Center seems to provide? Which of these services would be helpful for the poor? For immigrants? For other people living in Michigan?

Floor 3M

Antique Store: Antique stores sell old objects, but everything there was once new. What's something in your home that people might buy from a store like this a hundred years in the future?

H.A. Adrounie Doctor's Office: What's one thing you see in this office that's different from a doctor you've been to? What's one thing that's the same?

Ritz Beauty Salon: What hairstyles were popular in the 1920s? What about today? What hairstyles might be popular in the future?



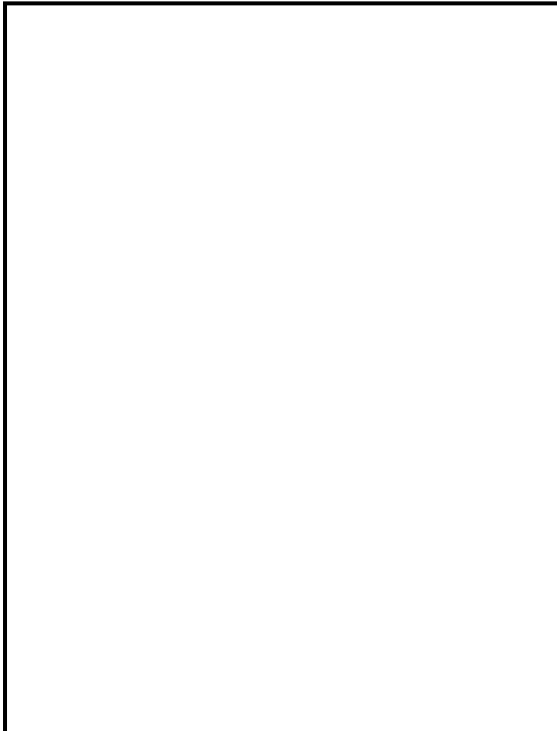
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HOUSEWIFE



Draw your own version here:



At all hours of the day, you're busy caring for your children, cooking meals for your family, and keeping the house in order. Visiting downtown today, your to-do list is:

☐ Bring your kids to the H. A. Adrounie Doctor's Office

What's one thing you see in this office that's different from a doctor you've been to? What's one thing that's the same?

☐ Buy plates and toys at the S.S. Kresge Store

If you could buy anything from this window display, what would it be? Why?

☐ Pick up furniture at the Antiques Store

Antique stores sell old objects, but everything there was once new. What's something in your home that people might buy from a store like this a hundred years in the future?

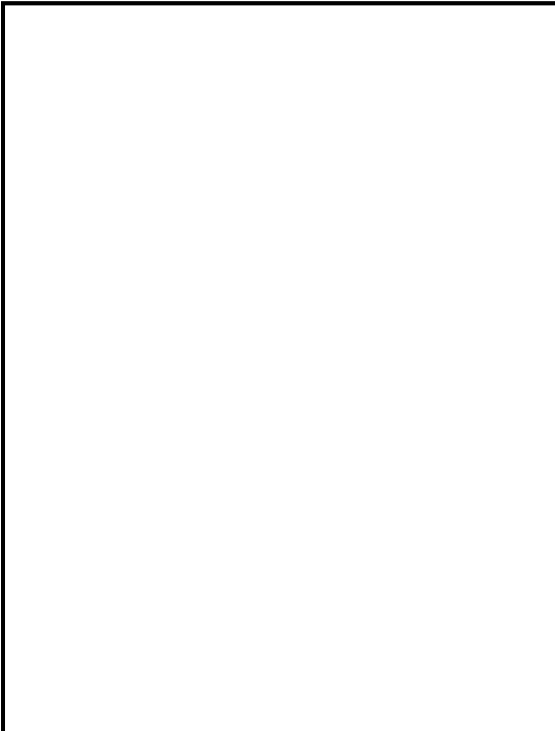
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TOURIST



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You're from out-of-state, enjoying America's new favorite pastime: taking a cross-country road trip in an automobile. Here's what you want to do in Michigan:

- ☐ **Stop by the world-famous J. L. Hudson's Department Store**
At its peak, about 100,000 people visited the 49-story Hudson's store each day to shop. How does your family shop for everyday items?

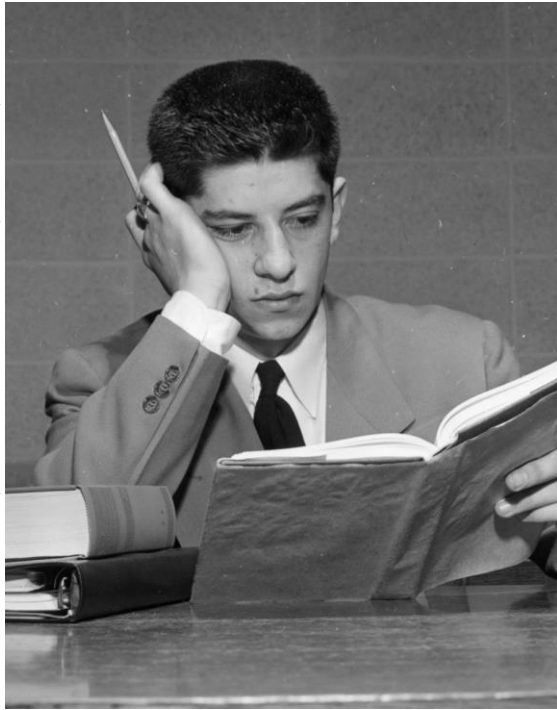
- ☐ **Explore the Majestic Theatre**
What's the last movie you saw in a theater? How do you think movies today are different from movies that people watched in the 1920s?

- ☐ **Refuel your automobile at the Gas Station**
Prices change over time. How much does gas cost here in the 1920s? How much does it cost today? (Ask a grown-up if you're not sure)

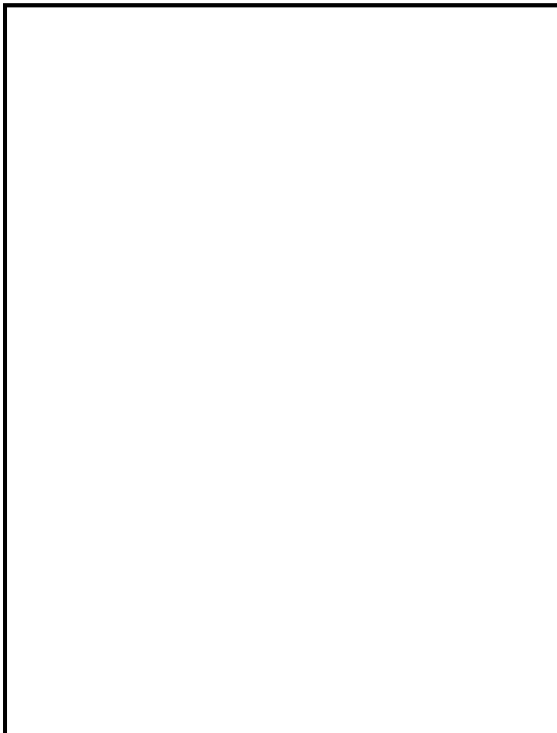
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STUDENT



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Classes are out for the day and you're a college student looking to run some errands and have fun downtown. Here's what you're going to do:

☐ Pick up textbooks at the City Bookstore

Which book in the window display would you be the most interested to read? What's your favorite book ever?

☐ Talk to soldiers at the Recruiting Station

Many of the young men going to college in the 1920s had been soldiers in World War I just a few years before. How do you think fighting in a war might have changed their lives?

☐ See a show at the Majestic Theatre

What's the last movie you saw in a theater? How do you think movies today are different from movies that people watched in the 1920s?

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BUSINESSMAN



Draw your own version here:

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a drawing of the businessman.

You've gotten rich by owning a big factory here in Michigan and now you want to show off your wealth with some expensive purchases. Today, you're going to:

- ☐ **Find a piece of art for your mansion at the Antiques Store**
Antique stores sell old objects, but everything there was once new. What's something in your home that people might buy from a store like this a hundred years in the future?

A large, empty rectangular box with a dashed red border, intended for a drawing of a piece of art.

- ☐ **Buy a new automobile at Durant Motors**

Flip through the catalogue of cars. Which one would you want to buy? How does it look different from cars today?

A large, empty rectangular box with a dashed red border, intended for a drawing of a car.

- ☐ **Get a haircut and a shave at the Ritz Beauty Salon.**

Give your character in the box on the left a makeover to keep up with 1920s fashion.

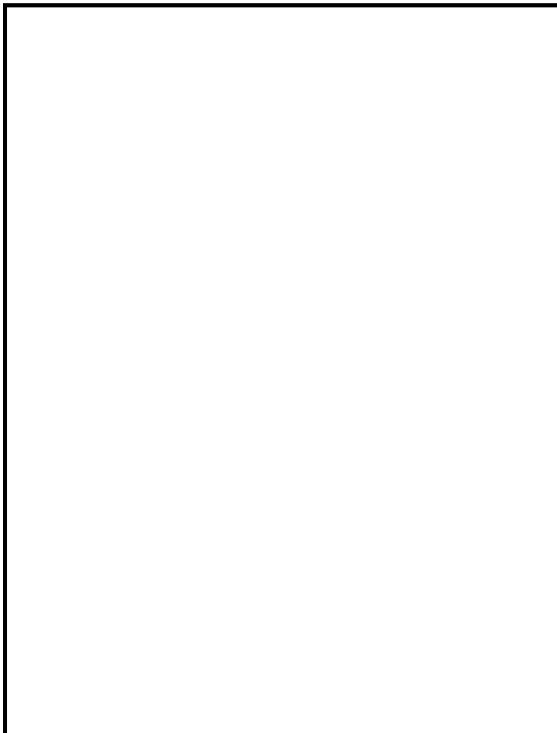
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FLAPPER



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You're breaking from restrictive old rules to enjoy the freedom of dancing at speakeasies, bobbing your hair, and wearing the latest styles. Here's your to-do list today:

☐ **Find a hair curler and a dance music book at the S.S. Kresge Store**

If you could buy anything from this window display, what would it be? Why?

☐ **Have your makeup done at the Ritz Beauty Salon**

Give your character in the box on the left a makeover to keep up with 1920s fashion.

☐ **Meet up with friends at the Majestic Theatre**

What's the last movie you saw in a theater? How do you think movies today are different from movies that people watched in the 1920s?

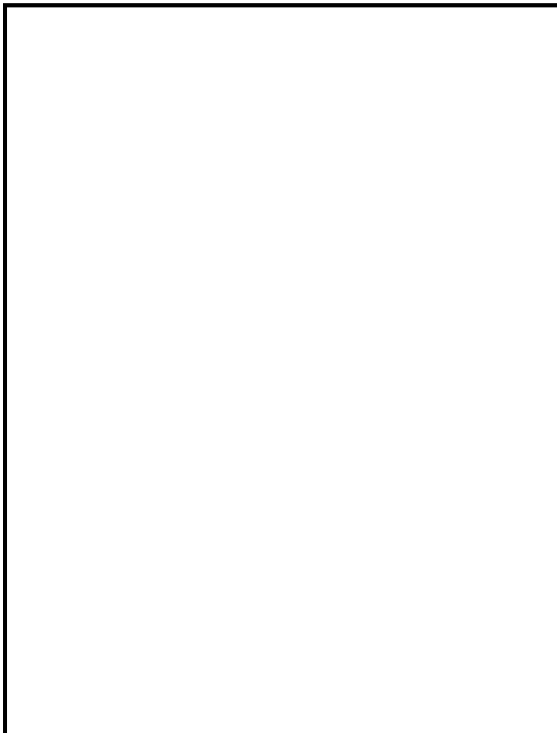
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AUTO WORKER



Draw your own version here:



You're the backbone of Michigan's success, working long hours on the assembly line. In return, you get paid a good wage. Here's how you'll spend it on your day off:

☐ Buy hardy work clothes at J. L. Hudson's Department Store

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☐ Find automobile repair tools at Durant Motors

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☐ Get an injury treated at the H.A. Adrounie Doctor's Office

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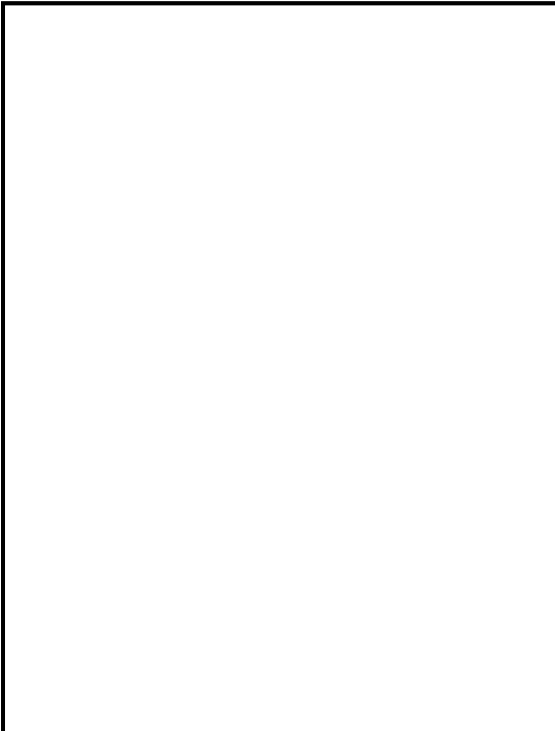
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FARMER



Draw your own version here:



You grow crops and raise animals, feeding Michiganders and people across the country. You've made the long drive from your farm to the city in order to:

☐ Find a book about farming at the City Bookstore

Which book in the window display would you be the most interested to read? What's your favorite book ever?

☐ Buy tractor repair tools at Durant Motors

Flip through the catalogue of cars. Which one would you want to buy? How does it look different from cars today?

☐ Refuel your automobile at the Gas Station

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DESIGN YOUR OWN SHOPPING TRIP!

Draw your character here:

Write about your character here:

All kinds of people shopped in Michigan stores in the 1920s. Come up with your own character to explore these streets, and describe their shopping trip below:

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Where did your character go?

What did they do/buy there?

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