



Graffiti Wall



• Great Depression •

The Stock Market Crash in October 1929 is often cited as the cause of the depression.

Many Americans blamed Herbert Hoover for their troubles.

As the 1930s began, one out of every four wage-earners — more than 15 million men and women — was without work.

• Jazz Age •

Jazz symbolized a certain kind of American freedom. It was called upon to lift the spirits & raise the morale of a frightened country.

Swing — which had grown up in the dancehalls of Harlem — would become the defining music for an entire generation of Americans.

Millions of white Americans who had never listened to jazz before suddenly filled ballrooms and theaters all over the country.