

Obituary for the 1920s**Name:** _____ **Date:** _____

Directions: You will write, print, and read aloud an obituary of 300-500 words for an influential figure of the 1920s. An obituary is not a biography, but a recounting of the most important events, qualities, contributions and connections in a person's life.

Include:

- full name of the deceased
- date and place of birth
- date and place of death and age at the time of death
- where the deceased lived at the time of death
- cause of death
- a brief summary of the deceased's life starting from birth and working forward; don't include every detail, just key facts/information
 - listing events chronologically works well, but do not be afraid to put the more important information such as marriage before education, even if it took place afterward
 - mention significant contributions and recognitions, but if there are many, choose carefully and try to encompass as many as you can in as few words as possible
- include full names of the deceased's parents, siblings, children, and spouse
- a special message at the end - a short prayer, a line from a poem, or a significant quote
- a photo of the deceased

Tips:

- <https://www.cremationsolutions.com/information/cremation-services-and-funeral-planning/how-to-write-an-obituary>
- <https://www.remembranceprocess.com/capturing-a-life-in-words/guide-to-writing-an-obituary/>
- <https://www.verywellhealth.com/how-to-write-an-obituary-1132597>

A. Mitchell Palmer	Charles Lindbergh	Graham McNamee	Man Ray
A. Philip Randolph	Charles R. Forbes	Harold Lloyd	Marcus Garvey
Aimee Semple McPherson	Charlie Chaplin	Harry Daugherty	Margaret Sanger
Al Capone	Clarence Darrow	Helen Wills	Mary Pickford
Al Jolson	Claude McKay	Henry Ford	Mirian Ferguson
Alain Locke	Clyde Champion Barrow	Herbert Hoover	Nellie Tayloe Ross
Albert B. Fall	Cole Porter	Irving Berlin	Nicola Sacco
Amelia Earhart	Count Basie	J. Edgar Hoover	Oliver Hardy
Andrew "Rube" Foster	Dorothy Parker	Jack Dempsey	Paul Robeson
Andrew Mellon	Douglas Fairbanks	James Weldon Johnson	Pretty Boy Floyd
Archibald Motley	Duke Ellington	Jean Toomer	Rudolph Valentino
Arnold Rothstein	Dutch Schultz	Jelly Roll Morton	Sidney Bechet
Babe Ruth	Edith Wharton	Jim Thorpe	Sinclair Lewis
Bartolomeo Vanzetti	Edna St. Vincent Millay	John Dos Passos	Stan Laurel
Bessie Smith	Edward Hopper	John L. Lewis	Stepin Fetchit
Bill Tilden	Elliot Ness	John L. Sullivan	T.S. Eliot
Billy Sunday	Emma Goldman	John T. Scopes	Thomas W. Miller
Bix Beiderbecke	Ernest Hemingway	Josephine Baker	Ty Cobb
Bobby Jones	Ezra Pound	King Oliver	Warren G. Harding
Bonnie Elizabeth Parker	F. Scott Fitzgerald	Knute Rockne	Wiley Post
Bugs Moran	Fatty Arbuckle	Langston Hughes	Will Rogers
Buster Keaton	Florence Mills	Lon Chaney	Willa Cather
Cab Calloway	Frank B. Kellogg	Lou Gehrig	William Faulkner
Calvin Coolidge	George Gershwin	Louis Armstrong	William Jennings Bryan
Cecil B. DeMille	Georgia O'Keeffe	Mabel Mercer	Zora Neale Hurston
Charles Evans Hughes	Gertrude Ederle	Machine Gun Kelly	
Charles G. Dawes	Gertrude Stein	Madison Grant	