



# 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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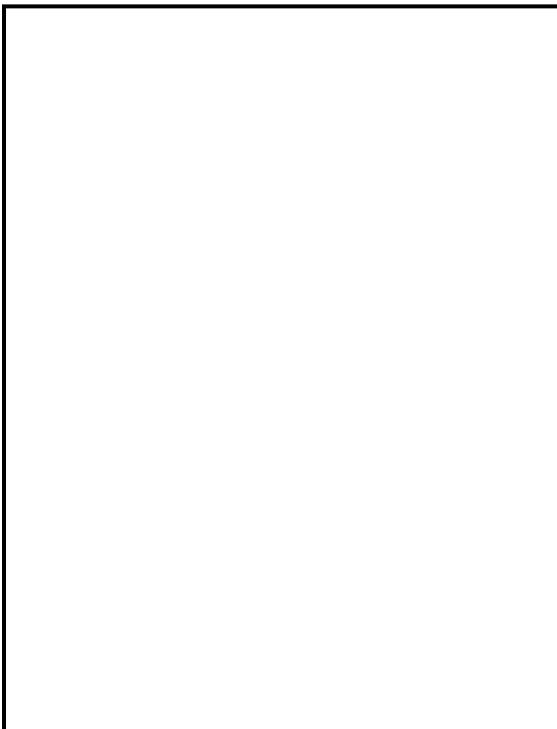
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## HOUSEWIFE



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. Adrourie 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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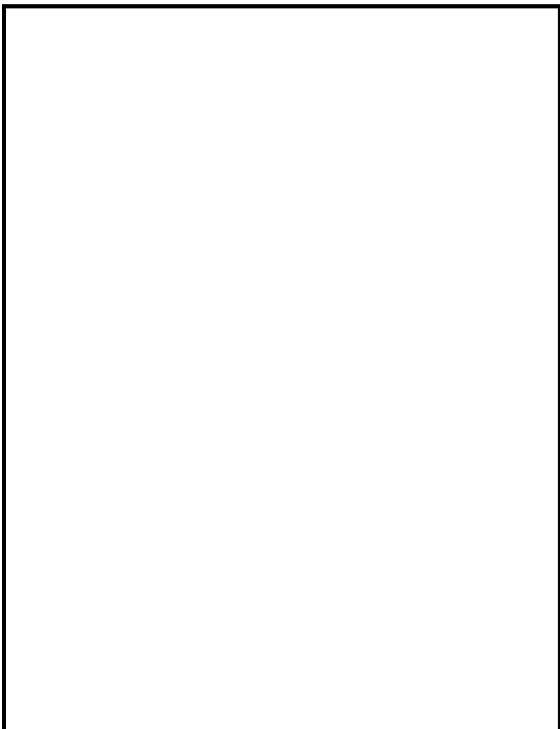
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## TOURIST



Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library

Draw your own version here:



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**

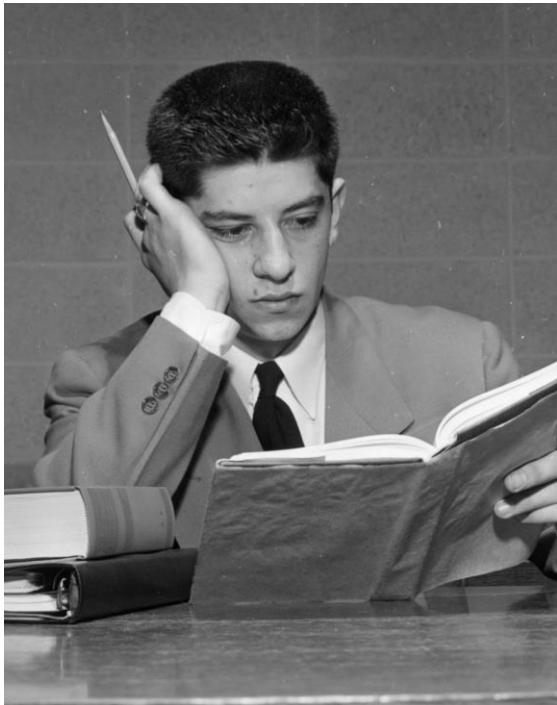
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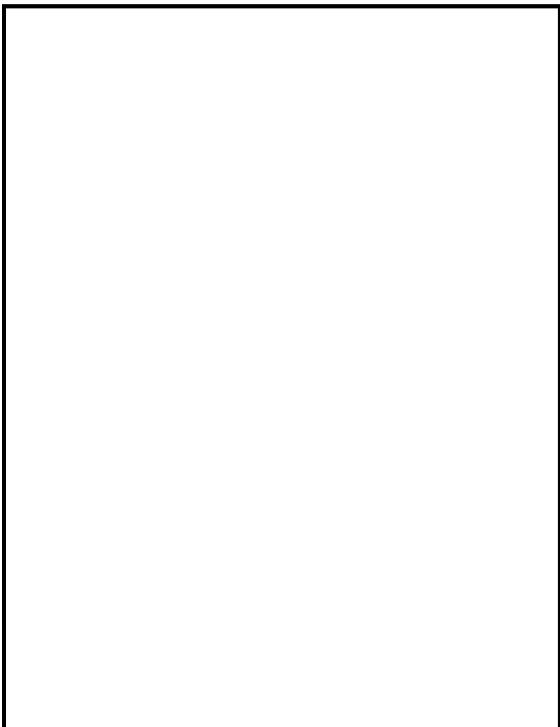
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## STUDENT



Walter P. Reuther Library, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University

Draw your own version here:



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?





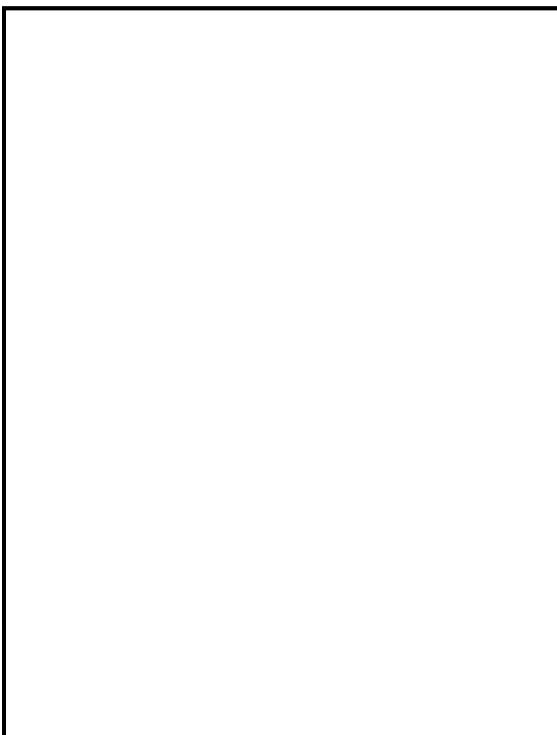
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## BUSINESSMAN



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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?



**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?



**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

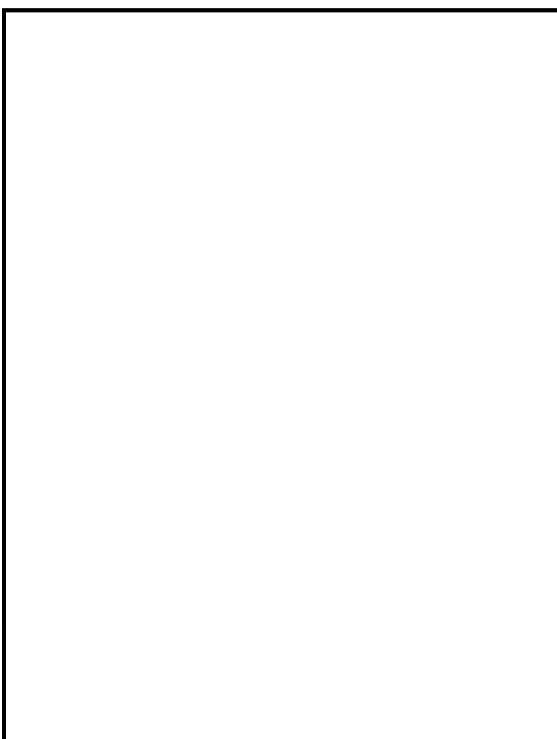


You're breaking from restrictive old rules to enjoy the freedom of dancing at speakeasies, bobbing your hair, and wearing the latest styles. Here's your to-do list today:

**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?

Draw your own version here:



**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?



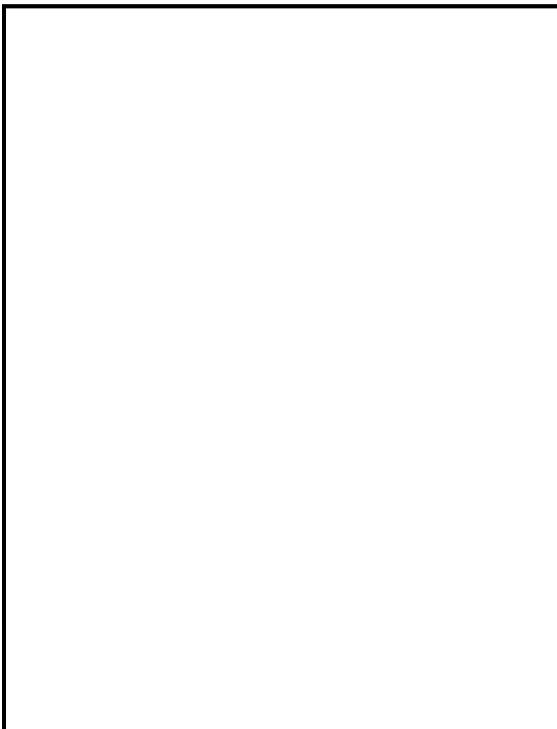
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## AUTO WORKER



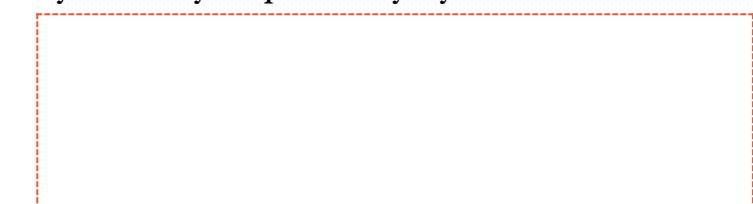
Draw your own version here:



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**

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?



**Find automobile 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?



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

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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:

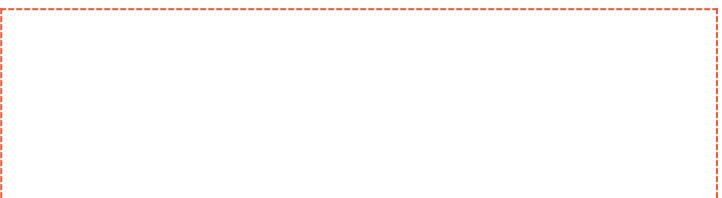
**Find a book about farming at the City Bookstore**

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



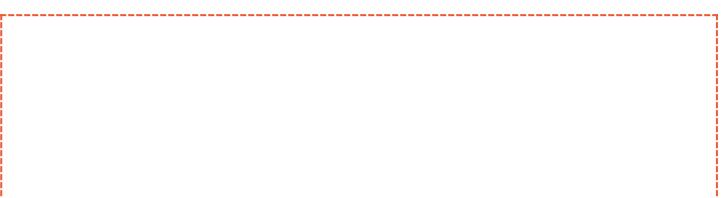
**Buy tractor repair tools at Durant Motors**

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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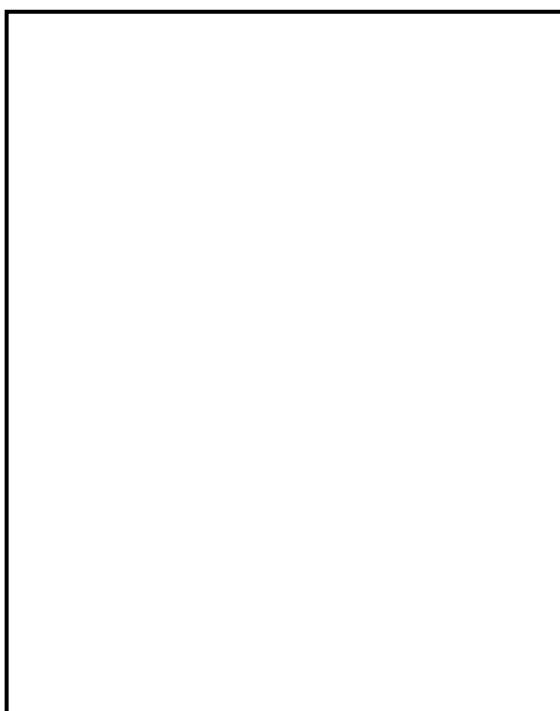


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## DESIGN YOUR OWN SHOPPING TRIP!

Draw your character here:



Write about your character here:

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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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