

People's University to Explore the Gilded Age Through the Jazz Age



The new People's University series 9, American History III: The Gilded Age to the Jazz Age, will begin at the Ohio County Public Library on June 17 and continue to meet for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings at 7 pm, ending August 5. Each class will be approximately 60-90 minutes in length.

The full schedule for People's University American History III is as follows:

Class 1, June 17: The Gilded Age (1878-1889) pt. 1
The growth of industry, increased production of steel, increased demand for oil, and railroad development, led to rapid wealth accumulation for certain businessmen, who became

known as "Robber Barons." Instructor: David Javersak (retired professor of history, West Liberty University).

Class 2, June 24:
The Gilded Age (1878-1889) pt. 2. Instructor: David Javersak

Class 3, July 1: Progressive Era (1890-1913) pt. 1
The excess of the Gilded Age was followed by a period of social activism and political reform exemplified by efforts like trust-busting and woman suffrage. Instructor: David Javersak

Class 4, July 8:
Progressive Era (1890-1913) pt. 2. Instructor: David Javersak

Class 5, July 15: The Great War (1914-1918) pt. 1
World War I began in Europe in 1914. The U.S. entered the war in 1917 and the Allied Powers were victorious over the Central Powers by 1918. Instructor: Hal Gorby (history PhD candidate at West Virginia University)

Class 6, July 22: The Great War (1914-1918) pt. 2. Instructor: Joe Laker (retired professor of history, Wheeling Jesuit University)

Class 7, July 29: The Jazz Age (1919-1928) pt. 1
In a nation weary of war, women exercised their newly found freedom (having won the right to vote in 1920) and Harlem nightclubs thrived, featuring jazz musicians like Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington. Instructor: Joe Laker

Class 8, August 5:
The Jazz Age (1919-1928) pt. 2. Instructor: Hal Gorby

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