Socials 11 Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: (4 people): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Directions: For each 1920s slang word, come up with a definition of what the word means. For each correct answer you will be awarded a point. Total Correct: /20

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| **Word** | **Definition** |
| All Wet |  |
| Applesauce/banana oil |  |
| Bees Knees |  |
| Banks Closed |  |
| Bubs |  |
| Bull |  |
| Bug-eyed Betty |  |
| Jakes |  |
| Cast a Kitten |  |
| Darb |  |
| Manacle |  |
| Dead Soldier |  |
| Dogs |  |
| Don’t Take any wooden nickels |  |
| Drugstore Cowboy |  |
| Fish |  |
| Gams |  |
| Giggle Water/Hooch |  |
| Splifficated |  |
| Iron ones shoelaces |  |

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Prices of the 1920s

-Iron 3.50

-Carriage 143.50

-Refrigerator 150.00

-Vacuum Cleaner 37.50

-Washing Machine 98.00

-Commode Chair 5.00

-Dishwasher 145.00

-Electric Toaster 3.75

-Hair Dryer 3.00

-Electric Stove 160.00

-Table Lamp 2.50

-Bed 16.50

-Table 42.25

-Coal Stove 17.50

-Chrysler Dodge 250.00

-Ford Touring Car 450.00

-Rent for 6 room house 19.68

With modern conveniences 27.49

-Talk on the phone for 3 minutes from London Ontario to Toronto 0.70

Slang Key

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| **Word** | **Definition** |
| All Wet | Erroneous  *If you think you can beat the system and win at roulette, you're all wet.* |
| Applesauce | Nonsense  *Your theory is applesauce* |
| Bees Knees | Great  *That movie was the bee knees* |
| Banks Closed | No making out  *Did you hear why Tommy and Susan broke up? She told him that the bank was closed* |
| Bubs | Breasts  *That women is lacking bubs* |
| Bull | Policeman  *Hey! If you don’t stop I’ll call the bull in* |
| Bug-eyed Betty | Unattractive girl  *The boys were mean to Jen because they considered her a bug-eyed betty* |
| Jakes | Outhouse  *I need a jakes break* |
| Cast a Kitten | Have a fit  *Did you see the guy at the hockey game? He cast a kitten* |
| Darb | Great person or thing  *That social reformer is darb* |
| Manacle | Wedding Ring  *The best man asked the groom, Have you bought your manacle yet?* |
| Dead Soldier | Empty beer bottle  *Yesterday our neighbors lawn was littered with dead soldiers* |
| Dogs | Feet  *Its been a long day, I need to rest my dogs* |
| Don’t Take any wooden nickels | Don’t do anything stupid  *My mom always told me before I left the house, don’t take any wooden nickels* |
| Drugstore Cowboy | Man who stands on a corner and picks up women  *The man standing on the corner was a drugstore cowboy* |
| Fish | Freshman or first timer in prison  *The gangster was no fish in prison* |
| Gams | Legs  *That woman has fine gams* |
| Giggle Water/Hooch | Booze  *The gangster said to his girl: Get me some giggle water so I can get spifficated* |
| Spifficated | Drunk |
| Iron ones shoelaces | Go to the bathroom  *Can you stop the car? I need to iron my shoelaces* |

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