

Women in the 1920s

During the 1920s women in the United States were becoming more independent and bold. Many women wanted to break free from traditional roles and do what they wanted. Women wanted respect, fair treatment, and to have fun. Across the nation women were beginning to join the workforce, vote, and become more sexualized in America.

Women in the 1920s shaped the entire decade. To this day flappers are a symbol for the Roaring Twenties. Perhaps the most important aspect of women in the 1920s was the 19th Amendment. Women became famous singers, actors, and public personalities. The Roaring Twenties was an extremely progressive time for women in America.



The Flapper was a symbol for women in cities representing a bold and energetic lifestyle. Flappers cut their hair short, wore short skirts, and did things that would be frowned upon at the time such as smoke and drink in public. Flappers challenged what most American's expected women to dress, act, and look like. Women in the 1920s wanted to break away from what was expected of them and used the flapper as the face of their revolution.

During the roaring twenties many outspoken, American women demanded the right to vote and receive representation in politics. When the 19th Amendment was ratified in 1920, allowing women to vote, surprisingly many women still would not participate in voting. Women

who still held on to traditional roles did not feel it was their place to vote, and that it was a man's job to decide who would win the elections. Women were mainly only swaying local elections.

The 19th Amendment was a huge accomplishment for women in America.