

“Bernice Bobs Her Hair”

By F. Scott Fitzgerald

Life during *The Jazz Age*

✦ Prohibition led to

- ✦ Illegal parties, underground nightclubs serving alcohol

✦ Economic Boom

- ✦ Lots of new money, young and rich

✦ Entertainment Industry

- ✦ Jazz- wild music that is on-the-edge

- ✦ Movies- depicting, among other socially taboo subjects, parties and sexuality

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- ★ A story about:
 - ★ Youth
 - ★ Being popular
 - ★ Trying to fit in

Let's Brainstorm...

✦ What do teens do TODAY, in terms of fashion and image, that could be considered...

✦ Trendy?

✦ Rebellious?

✦ Taboo?

✦ Controversial?

(let's generate a list together as a class)

✦ Now, who is the influence for these trends & fads?



*So who set the trends of
earlier generations?*

Fashion and Trends of the '80s



- ★ Major influence????
- ★ MADONNA!!!

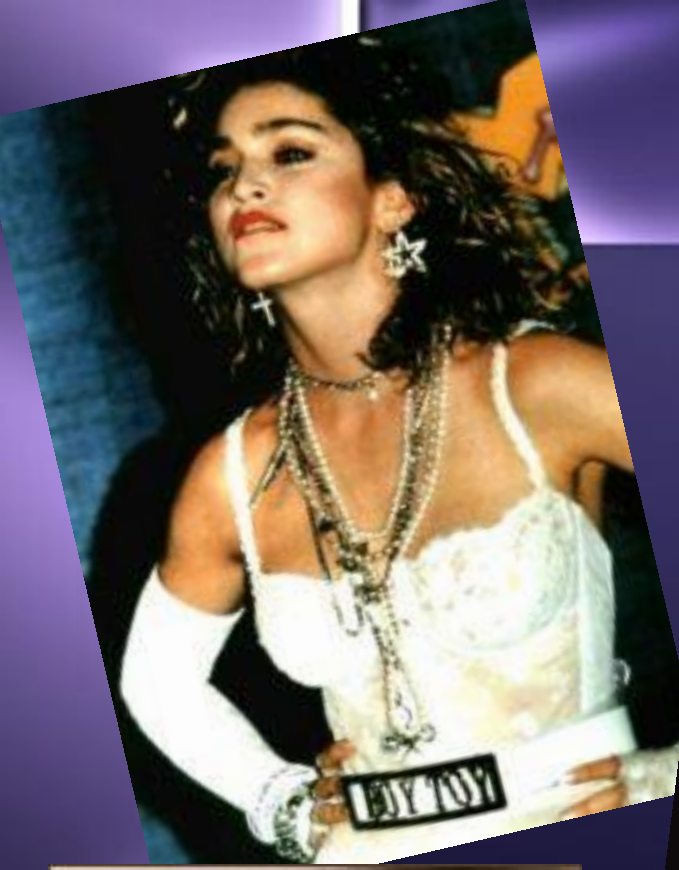
Fashion and Trends of the '80s



✦ MADONNA!!!

- ✦ Lots of make-up
- ✦ Exposed mid-drift
- ✦ Underwear becomes “outerwear”
- ✦ Religious jewelry taboos

Controversial!



And what they did THEN...

- ★ Teens in Fitzgerald's day weren't so different from teens in the '80s or today.
- ★ So what did they do that was considered, trendy, rebellious, taboo, controversial?

And what they did THEN...



- ★ Girls wore short, straight dresses and cut their hair.
- ★ It was shocking and rebellious- and it got attention!

- ★ This was a big no-no to these children of the conservative Victorians!



So, as you study this story...

- ✦ Notice what the popular teens are doing, how they behave and how they interact with others.
- ✦ Pay attention to the main characters.
 - ✦ What are Marjorie, Warren and Bernice each like?
 - ✦ Do you know people like these characters?
- ✦ Think of a time when you may have done something to be more popular, or to be liked more.
 - ✦ Is that so different from Bernice?
 - ✦ Did it work out differently for you?



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