

**Today in Georgia History**  
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**Vocabulary**

Accentuate  
Jazz

Spanned  
Revolutionized

Nominated  
Industry

Pursued

**Glossary**

Accentuate: verb; draw attention to something, emphasize something, make it more noticeable

Spanned: verb; to reach or extend over or across something

Nominated: verb; to suggest somebody for appointment or election to a position or for an honor or award

Pursued: verb; to work at something or carry it out

Jazz: noun; popular music that originated among black people in New Orleans in the late 19th century and is characterized by syncopated rhythms and improvisation. Jazz originally drew on ragtime, gospel, black spiritual songs, West African rhythms, and European harmonies.

Revolutionized: verb; to cause a radical change in something

Industry: noun; organized economic activity connected with the production of a particular product