

Primary Source Reading **20-1** (continued) ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

The flapper wants to look well, and she is willing to provide for herself—employers everywhere told me that the women were doing better work than the men, and they do seem to be mentally more alert. All of which means that the man who marries the modern flapper has got to provide for her—she will not be merely an unpaid servant. And this in turn means that the men have got to work—which nothing better could happen for the country. The flapper is to-day our most important national institution. . . .

The will to be prosperous has brought prosperity. We have practically no poverty, and I judge that at least two-thirds of what little we have is voluntary.

Source: "Aren't We All Rich Now?" *Collier's*, November 7, 1925.

READER RESPONSE

Directions: Answer the following questions on the lines below.

1. How do employers feel about flappers?

2. What effect does the flapper's economic independence have on relations between men and women?

3. What two traits are common to all flappers?

4. **Critical Thinking** What do you think the writer means when he says the flapper is "as standardized as a chain hotel"?

5. **Critical Thinking** What is the author's point of view about the flapper?

