



# The Cotton Club

UNIT 3 : The Roaring '20s

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Read the text and answer the questions in French



1- Qu'était le Cotton Club? \_\_\_\_\_

2- Où était-ce situé, dans quelle ville ? \_\_\_\_\_

3- Quelle était la particularité de ce lieu ? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (regarde les parties grisées pour répondre)

4- Cite des gens célèbres qui y ont été ? \_\_\_\_\_

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