

During the 20th century, working conditions became better for many people.

The government limited working hours and workers had the right to paid holidays.

This meant that people had more spare time to enjoy leisure activities.

Who had the most fun? Knowledge Organiser

Leisure & Entertainment through the 20th Century



Cinema and Television

- Cinema had a golden age in the 20th century with many famous films and movie stars.
- Television became more popular, which led to the end of cinema's golden age.
- Inventors made new technology for televisions that we still use today.
- Televisions let people watch big events like Queen Elizabeth II's coronation in 1953 and the Moon landing in 1969 live.

Gaming

- Computer games were invented in the early 20th century and became a fun activity for kids and adults.
- The first game, called 'Table Tennis for Two,' was made in 1958.
- As computers got smaller, more people could play games.
- In 1972, the arcade game 'Pong' was released.
- In 1989, Nintendo launched the Game Boy, one of the first handheld game consoles.
- By the late 1900s, people could play games at home on consoles like PlayStation or on desktop computers.



Music

- In the past, people listened to music at home on gramophones.
- By the 1990s, portable music players let people take music wherever they went.
- Music became very popular and showed how people were feeling at the time.

Key Vocabulary	
leisure	Time spent doing something you enjoy.
entertainment	Something used to help people enjoy themselves.
economy	How money is spent and made by people. The economy means the wealth of the country.
golden age	A period of time in which there is lots of prosperity and creativity. It often describes a time when a type of art is at its
broadcast	To send information through radio or television.
society	This describes people who live in the same place as each other, defined by their thoughts and interests as a
technology	Scientific inventions that aim to make everyday tasks easier.

Chronological and Investigatory Vocabulary	
20th century	The century that came before the one we are in now, which is the 21st century. When historians talk about the 20th century, they are talking about the time period between 1st January 1901 to 31st December 2000.
decade	A defined time period of ten years starting with a year which is a multiple of ten.
primary source	Information and objects that come from the time being studied.