



The Great Depression

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This pathfinder will be useful in finding information about the Great Depression in the U.S., 1929-1939.

For an introduction to the topic, see:

- "Great Depression in the United States, *MSN Encarta Encyclopedia*
encarta.msn.com/encyclopedia_761584403/Great_Depression_in_the_United_States.html

Key Resources at a Glance:

- *The Great Depression: America in the 1930s*, by T.H. Watkins (1993) Companion volume to the PBS series.
- *Hard Times: An Oral History of the Great Depression*, by Studs Terkel (1970, 2000) Oral history, as told by those who lived the Great Depression.

Reference Background

- *Encyclopedia of the Great Depression* (2004)
- *Historical Dictionary of the Great Depression*, by James S. Olson (2001)

Resources

Books

- *Daily Life in the United States, 1920-1940 : How Americans Lived During the Roaring Twenties and the Great Depression*, by David E. Kyvig (2004)
- *The hungry years : a narrative history of the Great Depression in America*, by T.H. Watkins (1999)
- *Causes and consequences of the Great Depression*, by Stewart Ross. (1998)
- *Freedom from Fear: the American People in Depression and War, 1929-1945*, by David M. Kennedy. (1999)
- *The Great Depression : America, 1929-1941*, by Robert S. McElvaine. (1984)
- *The Day the Bubble Burst : a Social History of the Wall Street Crash of 1929*, by Thomas Gordon. (1979)

Search Aids

Search Terms

(Use for computer searches)

- great depression United States
- Black Tuesday
- New Deal

Subject Headings

(Use in card catalogs and print indexes)

- Great Depression, 1929-1939
- Depressions--1929--United States

Call Number

- 973.91 (Dewey Decimal)
- 330.973 (Dewey Decimal)
- E806 (Library of Congress)

Indexes and Abstracts

- EBSCOhost
- First Search
- Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature

Library catalogs

- Your local library catalog
- SILO - State-wide catalog
- World Cat - World-wide Catalog

Magazine Articles

- "The Big Picture of the Great Depression," by John A. Garraty. *American Heritage*, Aug/Sep86.

Web Pages and Web Portals

- New Deal Network
newdeal.feri.org
- American Cultural History 1930-1939 (Kingwood College Library website)
kclibrary.nhmccd.edu/decade30.html
- Library of Congress Learning Page: The Great Depression and World War II
memory.loc.gov/learn/features/timeline/depwwii/depwar.html
- America from the Great Depression to World War II; Photographs from the FSA-OWI, 1935-1945 (Library of Congress)
memory.loc.gov/ammem/fsowhome.html
- The Hoover Dam: Lonely Lands Made Beautiful
xroads.virginia.edu/~MA98/haven/hoover/front2.html
- Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum: Photos of the Great Depression and New Deal
www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/gdphotos.html
- Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum--The Great Depression
www.hoover.archives.gov/exhibits/Hooverstory/gallery06/gallery06.html

Organizations and Special Collections

- Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum
P.O. Box 488, 210 Parkside Dr., West Branch, IA 52358
319-643-5301
www.hoover.archives.gov
- Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum
4079 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, New York 12538
1-800-FDR-VISIT
www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/
- Library of Congress: American Memory
memory.loc.gov/ammem/

Multimedia Resources

- *Riding the Rails*. (WBGH Boston Video, 2003 c1997) [DVD]
- *The Greatest Generation* (NBC News, 1999) [videorecording]
- *The Great Depression* (A&E Home Video, 1998) [videorecording]

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