



The Great Depression

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This pathfinder will be useful to middle and junior high school students 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*, by R. Conrad Stein (1993)
Describes the 1929 stock market crash and the events and effects of the depression that followed.
- *The New Deal and the Depression in American History*, by Lisa A. Wroble (2002) Examines the history of the Great Depression and details the New Deal programs designed to bring relief to the American people and the economy.
- *Six Days in October: the Stock Market Crash of 1929*, by Karen Blumenthal (2002) A comprehensive review of the events, personalities, and mistakes behind the Stock Market Crash of 1929.

Reference Background

- *World Book Encyclopedia*: "Great Depression," "New Deal," "Dust Bowl"

Resources

Books

- *Dust to Eat : Drought and Depression in the 1930's*, by Michael L. Cooper (c2004)
- *Growing Up in the Great Depression, 1929 to 1941*, by Amy Ruth. (c2003)
- *Black Tuesday : the Stock Market Crash of 1929*, by Barbara Silberdick Feinberg (1995)
- *The Dust Bowl and the Great Depression in American History*, by Debra McArthur (2002)
- *The Great Depression*, by Jacqueline Farrell (1996) A comprehensive overview, with broad historical context

Search Aids

Search Terms

(Use for computer searches)

- great depression United States
- Black Tuesday
- New Deal
- Dust Bowl

Subject Headings

(Use in card catalogs and print indexes)

- Great Depression, 1929-1939--Juvenile Literature
- Depressions--1929--United States--Juvenile Literature
- New Deal--1933-1939--Juvenile Literature

Call Number

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

Indexes and Abstracts

- EBSCOhost (use Middle School Plus and MAS Ultra databases)
- First Search
- Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature

Library catalogs

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

Web Pages and Web Portals

- The Crash (PBS Kids)
www.pbs.org/wnet/newyork/laic/episode5/topic6/e5_t6_s2-tc.html
- The Great Depression in New York (PBS Kids)
www.pbs.org/wnet/newyork/laic/episode6/topic1/e6_topic1.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 Depression News: the 1930s (Michigan Historical Museum)
www.sos.state.mi.us/history/museum/explore/museums/hismus/1900-75/depressn/labnews2.html
- Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum: Photos of the Great Depression and New Deal
www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/gdphotos.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]

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