

Lesson Plan Title: Life in the Great Depression

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Course/Grade Level: US History 11th grade

Overview of the Lesson

This lesson draws on previous studies of American History and is designed to give students an idea of life through the Great Depression.

TEKS/TAKS

US13.b,c

US20.a

US24.a,b

Objectives:

- **The student will utilize skills in photographic analysis**
- **The student will develop knowledge using primary sources**
- **The student will use sources from the Library of Congress**

Time Required

One or two class periods

Materials Needed

Photos from Library of Congress (included)

Photo analysis sheet (included)

Procedure

All students will be given four Photo Analysis handouts in order to analyze all four of the photos. The photos should be put into the four stations around the room. Have the students travel to each station in groups of 4-6, depending on class size. I don't let my students talk because I want them to know that they all have the capability to analyze on their own. When everyone is finished analyzing I let them talk to fill in the gaps or share what they learned.

Document Source

<http://memory.loc.gov>

Student Assessment

Students will pretend that they are a part of one of the pictures. They will then write a postcard to a relative describing their daily life. The paper should be at least one page long.

TAKS Assessment

Which of the following statements best describes life during the Great Depression?

- a. Life was carefree and full of fun
- b. Times were hard and people struggled
- c. People in the country continued to work on their farms
- d. The rich became very rich by traveling overseas.

PHOTO ANALYSIS

1. Describe what you see in the photograph – forms, structures and arrangement of the elements. This should be a factual observation. Avoid personal feelings or interpretations.
2. Describe your personal feelings, associations and judgments about the image. Anchor your responses to something you see in the photo.
3. List 4 things you might infer from this photograph.
4. What 4 questions does this photograph raise in your mind?



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