

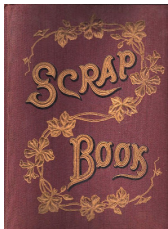
Life During the Depression

What would you remember about living during the Depression? How would you remember it? With a journal, images, artifacts, or quotes? How about all of the above?



I can create a historical perspective based on primary and secondary sources.

In our next class, you will be portraying a person that suffered through the Great Depression. Your task in class will be to share your story of hardship with the other depressed individuals at our meeting. You will be recording their hardships ... but what about yours? How will you record your challenges?



You will also make ONE page of a scrapbook that chronicles the Depression. Your page should tell the basics of your story, detail the hardships you faced, contain images and/or artifacts (scraps) that help tell of your challenges, and include primary source quotes that add to your heartfelt rendering of life during the economic crisis. Your scrapbook page should be handwritten or typed, PRINTED and included in your notebook, and if possible sent as an electronic file for compilation in one huge collection of depressing stories.

Your scrapbook page should contain the following:

- A creative title for your memory, summarizing the challenges of the time
- A first person written statement describing the challenges of your life, including four to five excellent facts that all others should know about you
- An image, artifact, and/or illustration that helps tell your story, along with excellent creative captions
- Any primary source quotes that help tell your story

Use the rubric below and the example on the reverse for guidance.

	UGH	OK	NICE JOB	OH YEAH
WRITTEN STATEMENT	Statement is unclear and/or and contains very few details to explain your hardships	Statement is fairly clear and contains a few details to explain your hardships, but more info is needed	Statement is clear and contains four to five details to explain your hardships	Statement is very clear and contains four to five excellent and complete details to fully explain your hardships
IMAGES / ARTIFACTS / ILLUSTRATIONS	No images / artifacts / illustrations are included	One or more images / artifacts / illustrations are added, but don't necessarily relate to your statement or contain vague captions	One or two images / artifacts / illustrations support the written statement and describe your life during the Depression, with captions	Multiple images / artifacts / illustrations support the written statement and describe your life during the Depression, with excellent captions
PRIMARY SOURCE QUOTE(S)	Primary source quote has nothing to do with the role No primary source quote included	Primary source quote describes your life during the Depression, but just thrown in to meet the requirement	Primary source quote supports the written statement and describe your life during the Depression Quotes are added as an addendum	Primary source quote(s) support the written statement and describe your life during the Depression Quotes are integrated smoothly
CREATIVITY AND VOICE	No title for the page Voice? Huh? What's that?	Basic title for the page Sounds fairly basic, with little attention to voice	Creative title for the page Sound close to authentic – did an actual Depression Era person write it?	Creative title that provides information Sounds completely original and authentic – did an actual Depression Era person write it?

Last Hired, First Fired

The life for us city folk in the Depression went from bad to worse. One man by the name of Clifford Burke put it plain and simple – “the Negro was born in depression ... it only became official when it hit the white man.” Most of us that had jobs in the cities were unskilled or working in service areas, and them were the first jobs gone when the Depression hit. We was usually the last hired and first fired for jobs in the cities. The government was givin’ some assistance or relief, and blacks were on this support much more than whites – three times as much – even though we didn’t get the same help! Them labor unions didn’t help us none, since most wouldn’t let us be members. We did get some help once the government started making jobs available for the people. Even though we was segregated in many of them, like the colored CCC, the jobs put us to work and put some money in our pockets. One of my coworkers says the jobs “made us feel like there was something we can do in the scheme of things”. These Democrats and their leader, Mr. Roosevelt, are so helpful that most of us blacks stopped voting for the Republicans. That FDR even has what they callin’ a Black Cabinet! Still, the Depression hit us blacks in the cities hard ... and hit our brothers down South even harder. Them tenant famers gots it the worst!

