

Guided Reading Activity

The Great Depression Begins, 1929–1932

Lesson 2 *Life During the Great Depression*

Review Questions: Outlining

Directions: Read the lesson and complete the outline below. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

I. The Depression Worsens

- A. Jobless people often stood in _____ or lined up outside _____ for free food.
- B. Homeless people put up shacks forming communities called _____.
- C. Some homeless, unemployed Americans wandered around the country. They were called _____.
- D. A terrible _____ on the Great Plains caused U.S. wheat fields to become a huge _____.
- E. Many of Great Plains farmers headed west to _____ in search of a better life.

II. Arts and Entertainment

- A. During the 1930s, 60 million Americans went to the _____ each week.
- B. During this decade _____ produced the first full-length animated feature called _____.
- C. The first African American to win an Academy Award was _____ who appeared in the movie _____.
- D. Radio programs gave listeners _____ and _____. The first daytime dramas called _____ presented families confronting everyday problems.
- E. New writing techniques such as _____ were used to show what literary characters were thinking.
- F. Margaret Bourke-White and other _____ captured in pictures how the Great Depression affected many Americans.

Summary and Reflection

Directions: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

How did Americans cope with hunger and homelessness during the Great Depression?
