

The Great Depression

Read Chapter 8 Lesson 3 on pages – 131- 135

Before you Read:

1. On page 132, what do the heading “ Deepening Unemployment” and the photo on the same page tell you about the Great Depression?
2. Look at the chart on page 132. What was the year with the highest unemployment rate?

As You Read:

1. What was the unemployment rate in 1932?
2. What were some of the jobs that unemployed workers tried during the Depression?
3. According to the textbook, “Banks **foreclosed** when people fell behind on loan payments.” In this context what does **foreclosed** mean?
4. What is a shantytown?
5. Why were some of the shantytowns called “Hooverilles?”
6. What did state and local governments, along with charities, do to help the poor?
7. President Hoover did not believe in the federal government stepping in to help people. Who did he think should help?

8. What types of public works projects did President Hoover finally agree to in 1931?
9. When were veterans supposed to receive their WW 1 bonus?
10. Why were veterans asking for their bonus in 1932?
11. How did the Congress and President respond to the bonus army march by veterans?

Look at the **US Map of the Dust Bowl on page 135** and answer the following questions:

1. Which states lost people because of the loss of topsoil?
2. Which six states suffered the greatest loss of topsoil?
3. Choose one route people took out of the Dust Bowl. List the states they traveled through and where they ended.

After You Read:

What do you think that President Hoover and the government should have done to help the people during the Great Depression? List three things:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.