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Social Studies 10 Canada 1919-1939

1E Conditions during the Great Depression

Reference: Counterpoints Ch. 4, p. 94-100



http://www.mccord-museum.qc.ca/images/webtours/GE_P4_1_illustration.jpg

Questions from Counterpoints Ch. 4 THE DESPERATE YEARS

Drought on the Prairies (p. 94):

1. What two factors made conditions in the prairie provinces particularly severe?

Unemployment (p. 95):

2. Explain the “twist” in men’s minds described by Barry Broadfoot.

3. List three of the “humiliations” people were put through to collect relief.

4. What was the unemployment rate in 1933?

The Disadvantaged (p. 96):

Make some notes to describe how the Great Depression affected the following groups:

| Group / p. ref | Impact of Depression |
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| Jobless p. 95-96 | |
| New immigrants p. 96 | |

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| Chinese p. 97 | |
| Jews p. 97 | |
| Aboriginal People p. 97 | |
| Women p. 98-100 | |
| People with secure jobs (The Fortunate Minority) p. 100 | |

Have a look through the Canadiana Scrapbook "The Depression Years: Canada in the 1930s" and respond to the following prompts.

Boom to Bust (p. 2-3)

Give some examples of how things got worse for people

Economy Collapses (p 4-5)

What was the impact of the stock market crash? (use examples)

Hunger, Cold, Fear (p. 6-7)

Look at the food costs and consumption, look at what a New Brunswick family ate in a month, or what the poor Alberta family had in their home in 1931. How does this compare with your family's consumption of food?

Out of Work (p. 8-9)

Read a bit and find one short quote that summarizes what joblessness was like.

On the Dole (p. 9-10)

Who got the dole? Were there strings attached?

Dust, Drought, Grasshoppers (p. 14-15)

What part of Canada was most affected by these things? What happened?

Some Lived Well (p. 16-17)

Describe the lifestyle of those who were better off than most.

Fashion (p. 18-19)

Look at price of clothing, then look back t Food prices on p. 6. How much food could you get for the price of a decent suit? Is that comparable to today?

Riding the Rods (p. 24-25)

Who did this? How were they treated?

Other notes: