



Unit 12: **The Great Depression**

Lesson 2:

**How do we know
what we know?**



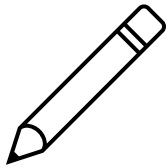
DEPRESSION ✓

Warm-up

Follow the directions to complete your warm-up



- Read the excerpt of an interview with John Rankin, who lived through the Great Depression



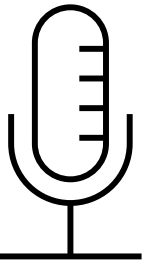
- Respond to the question about the excerpt



- Discuss with a partner



Share with the class



One thing we can learn about
this period of time based the
excerpt is _____

Essential Question



What are the key topics and major themes of the Great Depression, and how were these topics recorded and discussed in the primary source materials of the era?

In today's lesson...

1. **We will** examine the major events and topics of the Great Depression by analyzing a set of primary source materials.
2. **I will** analyze a number of sources to determine how each source is related to key topics of the era and provide a summary of the main idea of each source.

Part I: An Era of Challenges and Hardship



The Rural Electrification Administration installing electrical systems in rural America.

The Library of Congress



Dust storms darken the sky in Texas

The Portal to Texas History

Part II: Primary Source Analysis



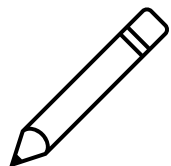
A woman washes her clothes with an electrical washing machine on her farm. *The Library of Congress*

Exit Ticket

Follow the directions to complete your exit ticket



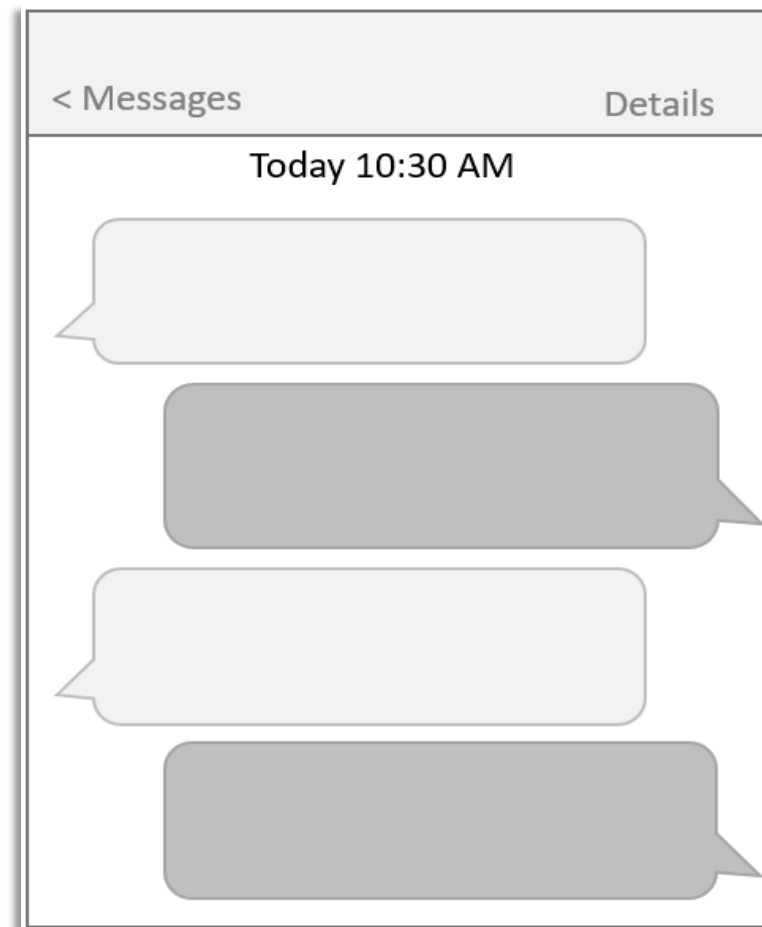
- Choose TWO of the three options for different points of view of the Great Depression OR create your own.



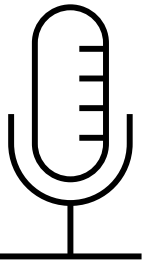
- Create a text message thread between your 2 chosen points of view.



- Discuss with a partner



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