



Unit 12: **The Great Depression**

Lesson 1: **The Big Picture**

A mother washing clothes
in San Antonio, 1939
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Warm-up

Follow the directions below to complete your warm-up

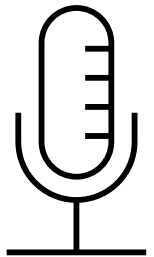


- Read each statement in the chart.
- Choose up to FIVE statements that you think are true for this unit: the Great Depression.
- Share with a partner.



Share with the class:

One statement that I think is true for Unit 12: The Great Depression is _____



Essential Question



What are the major themes, events,
and defining characteristics of Unit
12: The Great Depression?

In Today's Lesson

1. **We will** examine the major events, themes, and defining characteristics of the Great Depression era.
2. **I will** analyze a primary source photograph, read an essential ideas passage, and explain the significance of key events and topics in Unit 12: The Great Depression.

Part I: Analyze an Image



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Part II: Essential Ideas & Reading Passage

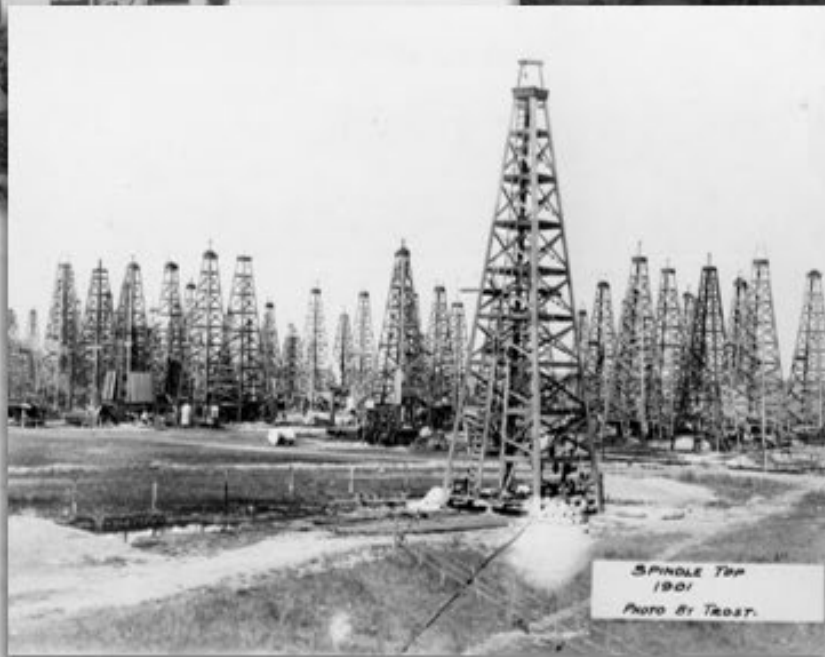


Paragraph 1: The Age of Oil



Above: A crowded movie theater, Port Arthur. 1926.

Right: Spindletop oil field, 1901



Above: A farmer riding tractor in the Panhandle, 1917.

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Paragraph 2: The Stock Market



The New York Stock Exchange, 1905.
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The New York Stock Exchange, 1939.
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Paragraph 3: The Stock Market Crash of 1929

NEAR PANIC ON STOCK EXCHANGE

\$3,000,000,000 VALUES
WIPED OUT IN \$10 TO
\$96 DECLINES.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Wall Street was thrown into the nearest approximation of a stock market panic experienced in years during the last hour of trading on the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday. A new and wholly unexpected avalanche of selling swept over the market, carrying scores of stocks down from \$10 to \$96 a share, and wiping out more than \$3,000,000,000 in paper values in the brief interval of about an hour, an average of about \$50,000,000 a minute.



Protestors outside of a failed bank, 1931
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Paragraph 4: President Roosevelt's New Deal



Franklin Delano Roosevelt
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A New Deal

Daily, as the campaign for the presidency gains momentum, the ultimate result of the balloting in November stands out more clearly: Franklin Delano Roosevelt will be the next president of the United States.

The Democratic platform — courageous, frank, brief, constructive—will have the support of the overwhelmingly majority of the American people. The Democratic candidate for the presidency offers hope for a new deal, so eagerly awaited by business, labor and agriculture, and only in a new deal is there hope for the Republic of the United States.

The Tri-Cities Sun, Goose Creek, TX, 1932
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Paragraph 5: The New Deal in Action



A Works Progress
Administration poster
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The Rural Electrification
Administration
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Men with the Civilian Conservation
Corps build Buescher State Park near
Austin

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Part III: Comprehension Questions



Exit Ticket

Follow the directions below to complete your exit ticket



- Read the sentence stem in the question.



- Choose three answers that best complete the sentence stem.



- Share with a partner.



Share with the class:

One defining characteristic
of the Great Depression was

