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American History
Unit 17 - The Great Depression
Internet Scavenger Hunt

Directions: You are beginning a Scavenger Hunt in which you will gather information about The Great Depression. Follow the links to find the answers to a variety of questions relating to famous people, places, buildings, historical events and games. As you find the answers to the questions, write them down on this sheet. You will be graded on the completeness and accuracy of your answers. Good luck . . . have fun . . . and learn!

People in History

President Franklin D. Roosevelt

Question 1: President Roosevelt was related to a man who had served as President of the United States before him. Who was that man, and how were the two men related?

The Web site: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/presidents/fr32.html> You can find the answer to that question at the Franklin D. Roosevelt page on the White House Web site.

First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt

Question 2: Unlike First Ladies before her, Eleanor Roosevelt spoke her opinions freely in lectures, radio broadcasts, and in a daily newspaper column. What was her newspaper column called? How is Teddy Roosevelt related to Eleanor Roosevelt?

The Web site: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/glimpse/firstladies/html/ar32.html> You can find the answer to that question on the Anna Eleanor Roosevelt Roosevelt page of the official White House Web site.

Jesse Owens, Six World Records

On the afternoon of May 25, 1935, Ohio State University's track star Jesse Owens was credited with setting five world records and tying another. The following year he earned four gold medals in international competition at Berlin.

Question 3: When Jesse Owens was born, he wasn't named "Jesse." Nor was he named "John Cleveland" or "James Cleveland," as recorded in many biographies of the track hero. What name did Jesse's father give to him at birth? How did Jesse Owens get his name?



The Web site: <http://www.cmgww.com/sports/owens/owens.html> You can find the answer to that question on the official Jesse Owens Web site. Read the "Jesse Owens' Story" on that site.

The Rise of Adolf Hitler

Question 4: What was the name of the book Hitler wrote while he was in prison?

Question 5: Who was the Hitler Youth? Did girls belong to this group?

The Web site: <http://www.historyplace.com/worldwar2/riseofhitler/new.htm>

Orson Wells

Question 6: On October 30th 1938 . . . What event did people think had happened to the earth? List some things people heard on the radio.

Question 7: How did listeners respond?

The Web site: <http://www.transparencynow.com/welles.htm>

Charles Lindberg

Charles Lindberg was the first person to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. Upon his return he was hailed a U.S. hero. While it would appear his life was perfect, it wasn't always . . .

Question 8: What were some of the theories behind the kidnapping of the Lindberg baby? Name 3.

_____ The Web site:
<http://www.lindberghtrial.com/html/front.shtml>



Historic Events

Dust Bowl

Question 9: What was the Dust Bowl? How long did it last?

The Web site: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/dustbowl/>

Hindenburg

Question 10: What sort of rooms did the Hindenburg have in it?

Question 11: Where was the Hindenburg scheduled to fly and how many passengers were on the British airship?

The Website: <http://members.aol.com/F0900/main.html>

We Made Do . . . Surviving the Great Depression

Go to the website below and click on Oral History. Choose Inez Williamson's story of how her family made do.

Question 12: List two things that impressed you about Inez's story of the Depression.

The Web site: <http://www.mcsc.k12.in.us/mhs/social/madedo/>

Question 13: Choose from one of the letters written to First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. What were people asking Eleanor to do for them? Read 2 letters.

The Web site: <http://newdeal.feri.org/eneanor/er3ahtm>

Question 14: During the Great Depression years, people who were lucky enough to have jobs were paid very low wages. About how much was an accountant paid each week during the Depression? About how much is an accountant paid each week today? How about a doctor then and now?

The Web site: http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-5481_19268_20778-52530--,00.html You can find the answers to these questions on the



Then and Now: Prices page of the Michigan Historical Museum's Web site. (Do some more comparing: Study the chart at that Web site to learn what some common store-bought items cost during the Great Depression.)

Buildings of the 1930's

Golden Gate Bridge

After more than four years of construction, the *Golden Gate Bridge* opened to vehicular traffic May 28, 1937. Boasting a 4,200-foot-long main span, the "International Orange" bridge carried the moderate price tag of \$35 million.

Question 15: The designer of the *Golden Gate Bridge* worked many hours to convince citizens that the bridge could be built and that it could pay for itself with tolls paid by travelers. Who was that famous bridge designer?

_____ The Web site: <http://www.goldengate.org> Read about the "History" of the bridge at that site.

Empire State Building

Completed in 1931, New York City's *Empire State Building* has 102 stories and rises 1,250 feet above the ground. For more than 40 years it was the tallest building in the world.

Question 16: How long did it take workers to complete construction of the *Empire State Building*? _____ The Web site:

<http://www.nypl.org/research/chss/spe/art/photo/hinex/empire/about.html>

http://www.esbnyc.com/tourism/tourism_history.cfm?CFID=1144099&CFTOKEN=8484406

You can also check this site out . . . see what the view looks like TODAY (as you sit there) from the *Empire State Building* . . . COOL! <http://www.esbnyc.com>

Hey, what did people do for fun?

The Monopoly Game

Produced commercially for the first time in 1933, the *Monopoly* game became the world's most famous board game. In a period of economic depression, players enjoyed amazing fortunes and driving opponents bankrupt.

Question 17: Most of the places on the *Monopoly* board game were named by the game's inventor for places in a real U.S. city. What city is that?

_____ The Web site: <http://www.adena.com/adena/mo/mo02.htm> You can find the answer to that question on The Authorized Story of Monopoly Web site.



Mickey Mouse

Who doesn't love Disney? Read the story of Mickey Mouse.

Question 18: What was Mickey's original name? What did people call the cartoon before the show began? _____

The Web site: <http://www.geocities.com/disneymouse/>