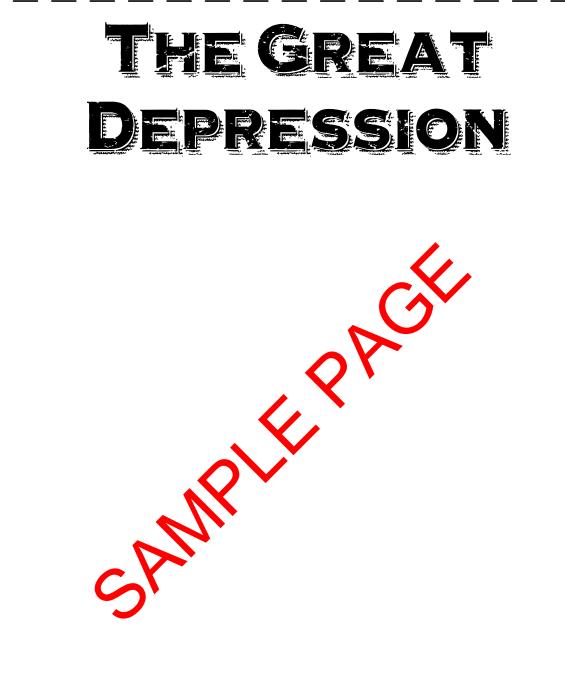


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The Great Depression

In October of 1929, the stock market in the United States dropped rapidly. The drop began an exceptionally low decade in history called The Great Depression. People lost large amounts of money and most lost everything they had. For countless people, life was a daily struggle. Banks, stores, and factories closed and left millions of Americans jobless, homeless, and penniless.

The Depression was extremely difficult on children. Millions of children between the ages of 10 -18 had to quit school to work in factories or on the family farm. Many people came to depend on the government to provide them with food. Soup kitchens opened around the country of eople stood in long lines to receive one hot meal a day. Powdered milk dried beans, and potatoes were the main staples of a meal for a tarvity. Men were often seen fighting over barrels of garbage to collect food scraps for their families.

The depression left many people feeling defeated. President Franklin D. Roosevelt took the initiative to help. His goal was to restore faith and confidence as quickly as possible. First, he closed banks for four days, which stopped a "run" on the banks, which happens when people rush to take their money out of the bank in fear of losing it. Within seven days, most banks had reopened, money was circulating again, and things started looking better. Finally, by mid-1938, the economy started back on an upward swing.

Click on this link to read more about the Depression.

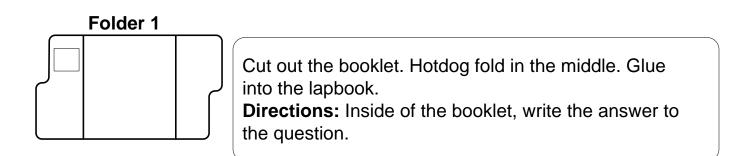
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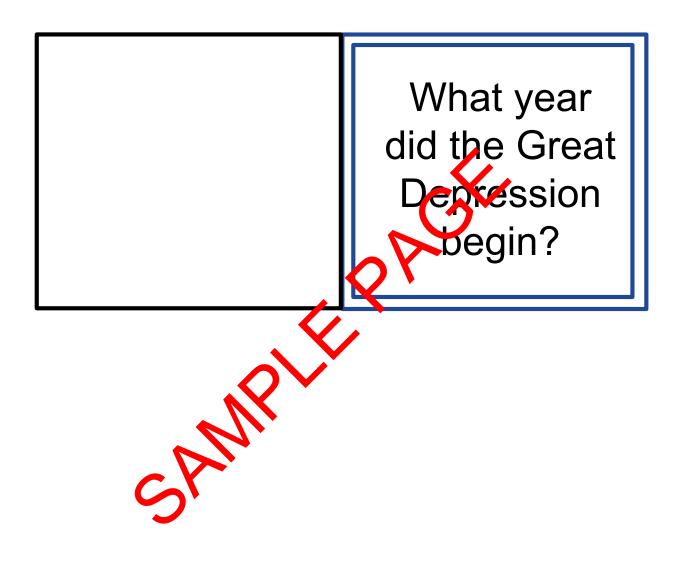
During the era known as The Great Depression, the average man earned \$2.50 a day.



It was very common for the mother to go without dinner so that her husband and children would have food.

During this time, the board game Monopoly was the most popular game to play. Many said that they enjoyed "dreaming of becoming rich."



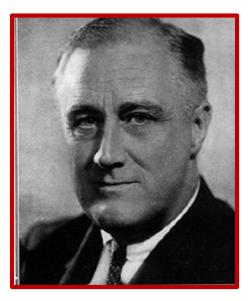


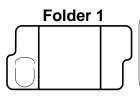
Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal

Franklin D. Roosevelt was born in 1882 at Hyde Park, New York. He graduated from Harvard University and Columbia Law School. He was married to Eleanor Roosevelt and they had 6 children. At the age of 39, Roosevelt was stricken with polio. He fought long and hard to regain the use of his legs, particularly through swimming. He was the fifth cousin of President Theodore Roosevelt, 26th president of the United States.

In 1910, he won the New York Senate seat. In 1920, he was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Navy and was the Democratic nominee for Vice President. Franklin D. Roosevelt became the 32th President of the United States in November 1932, in the middle of the Great Depression. Roosevelt started a program called **The New Deal**. It was to provide relief to the suffering, revive agriculture and businesses and, in general, correct the problems that started the depression. He was elected for four terms in office, but died early in the 4th term. He is credited with helping the American people to regain confidence in themselves during a very difficult time in history. Here are some websites that offer more info on The New Deal.

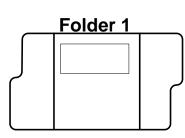
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