

Images of the Great Depression

Do Now: Examine the picture and answer questions 1-3 in your notebook.



This mural was painted during the Great Depression. Artists were hired by the federal government to paint murals across the country. The program was part of the New Deal's Work Progress Administration.

1. Examine the people in this painting. What do they seem to be doing?
2. In your opinion, why would the federal government hire artists to paint murals during the Great Depression?
3. What is a good title for this painting?

Assignment: A famous saying is that “a picture is worth a thousand words.” You will be assigned one of these pictures of life during the Great Depression. Your task is to write a paragraph describing what you see in the picture.

<p>1. Soup Line</p>	<p>2. Jobless men, NYC docks, 1934</p>	<p>3. Migrant family, Oklahoma, 1938</p>
<p>4. Farm workers hope for work</p>	<p>5. Hooverville in Brooklyn</p>	<p>6. Children begging, 1932</p>

Homework: Take your paragraph and picture and write a poem or “rap.” Be prepared to perform it in class.