

The Great Depression

Part Three



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Thematic Icons



Economics



Geography



Historical concepts



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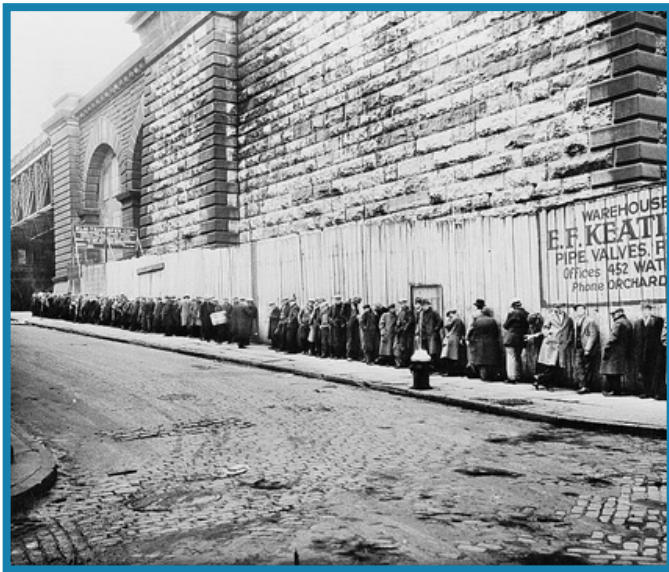


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As people lost their jobs and homes, they built shacks out of scrap materials. “Hoovervilles” sprang up in cities across the nation.



Because the government did not provide welfare, people relied on private charity from soup kitchens and **bread lines**. Many were forced to dig through trash piles in search of clothes and food.

Some cities offered **direct relief**. The most generous program was in New York City, which offered homeless families \$2.39 per week.



Effect on people





The Dust Bowl



Many families who lost their farms to the banks or the dust took to the road, following rumors of employment.

Hundreds of thousands of people traveled to the fields of California. There they would work for only a few cents a day.



Because many of these migrants were from Oklahoma, people called them “Okies.” Many Californians resented the migrants, and “Okie” became a derogatory term.



Popular entertainment



The Grapes of Wrath



The Great Depression had a profound psychological effect on those who lived through it.

The Depression changed people's habits, values and goals. Americans' attitudes towards money, the economy and the government would never be the same.

Frugality and a sense of local unity shaped a generation of Americans.

