

Hoover v. Roosevelt

Journal 1934

Write a journal entry as if you were someone trying to survive during the Great Depression, based on what you learned last class. Describe your whole day in as much detail as you can.

The Dust Bowl

<https://www.history.com/topics/great-depression/america-the-story-of-us-videos-dust-bowl-video>

What would the consequences of such an event be?

What stood out to you the most from that video?

The Dust Bowl

The Dust Bowl was a “natural” disaster that devastated the Midwest during the 1930s

Farmers had extensively plowed fields all along the Great Plains which loosened the top soil

A drought turned that soil to dust and created massive dust storms or “black blizzards”

Visibility in the plains during the storms was 3 feet!

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“Okies” – migrants who left their farms and travelled to places like California to find a better life

What did they find?



The Dust Bowl

On your note sheet, write 4 sentences comparing life in the Dust Bowl and Hoovervilles. Which would you have rather tried to live in?

Response: Hoover v. Roosevelt

The majority of this assignment will be done individually, but you will need a partner for some of it. Find someone in the class to be your partner and choose which of you will be an expert on Herbert Hoover and which will be an expert on Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Then follow the instructions on your note sheet.

Response: Hoover v. Roosevelt

Hoover opposed the idea of using the government to provide welfare.

- Thought private charities should be the ones doing it, but they didn't have enough resources

Public Works- Government financed building projects

- Helped get people jobs, but there weren't nearly enough for all the unemployment

People's Response

Farmers started to destroy crops to try and increase the prices

Huge groups marched on Washington to try and get some changes

Bonus Marchers-

- After WWI, Congress passed a \$1,000 bonus for war veterans to get in 1945. A bill got introduced to pay out sooner.
- A huge group of veterans marched to make it happen. They failed.
- When the police came to clear them out, a police officer shot into the crowd, and the army got called.

Hoover Presidential Profile

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JuRsKiruKAE>