

Research the Great Depression

After reading Chapter 6

Objectives:understand important issues, events, and individuals of the 20th century
...produce communications using technology or appropriate media such as video reports



In Chapter 6, Bud introduced you to a sad time in our country’s history: The Depression. With a partner, use at least 3 resources to locate information about The Great Depression. One resource **MUST** be a personal interview with someone who was at least 10 years old at that time. Two internet sites that will help you are:

Michigan Historical Center

<http://www.sos.state.mi.us/history/museum/explore/museums/hismus/1900-75/depressn/labnews2.html>

New Deal

<http://newdeal.feri.org/>

Let the following questions (and your own) guide your research:

1. What caused The Great Depression?
2. What differences and similarities do you see between the lives of children, teenagers and adults at the time?
3. How was life different living in rural and urban areas?
4. Compare life during the Great Depression and now.
5. Share one interesting personal story of the time.

The Great Depression Video Project

Use the results of your research to help you produce a clear, interesting videotape of The Great Depression that younger children would watch and be able to understand. Include a video of your interviews. Use a musical background.

Memorizing the Moment

After reading Chapter 7

Objectives:.....present dramatic interpretations of experiences, stories, poems, or plays to communicate
...use effective rate, volume, pitch , and tone for the audience and setting

Bud Caldwell had a rare wit, a comical way of using words, and an interesting way of figuring things out. Choose one selection with at least 100 words from the book. Memorize it and practice reciting it with the expression you think Bud must have intended. Present it in your mirror to perfect your facial expressions and gestures before presenting it for an audience. When you have perfected it, present it to an audience.

Some terrific selections might be:



- The Cockroach Story, Pages 23-24
- Momma’s Horsey Ride, Pages 39-41
- Momma’s Favorite Things, Pages 41-44
- Why People Fall Asleep in the Library, Page 53
- Haven’t You Heard? Page 55-56

