

This lesson is about the causes and effects of the Great Depression. It is designed to help students match what they have learned about the Great Depression with actual locations in New York. This lesson can help reinforce understanding of specific content related to the Great Depression. Before this lesson, students should have some understanding of the causes of the Great Depression and the government's efforts to limit its effects.

NYS Social Studies Scope and Sequence Standards: 8.5b,c, 11.7c**Focus Question**

What were the short-term and long-term effects of the Great Depression?

Do Now

What caused the Great Depression?

- Black Tuesday
- Unemployment
- Struggling Agricultural Sector
- Slowing Industrial output

Direct Instruction/Intro to Activity

Together with the class, read through the introduction of the Urban Archive story. This will provide some reinforcement of the causes and some basic effects of the Great Depression. Take some time as you read to make sure the students know and understand some of the following terms:

- Black Tuesday
- Run on the Banks
- Works Progress Administration
- FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation)
- Unemployment & Hooverilles

Activity

Give the students time to read through the story. As they read, have them consider the different effects of the Great Depression.

After providing sufficient time to read, have the students work in pairs or groups to complete the following graphic organizer. Under each category they should list 3-4 locations from the story that represent either a long-term or short-term effect of the Great Depression and provide a 1 sentence explanation for why they decided to classify that location under either short or long-term effects of the Great Depression.

Student Resources

Directions: List 2 locations from the story that highlight a short-term effect of the Great Depression and 2 locations that highlight a long-term effect of the Great Depression. For each location listed, provide a one sentence explanation for how it reflects either a long or short-term effect.

Short-Term Effects of the Great Depression	Long-Term Effects of the Great Depression

Extension Activity/Homework

For each term below, provide a 1-2 sentence explanation for how this term relates to the Great Depression. In the Graphic Organizer, connect two locations to each term and provide 1-2 sentences explaining the connection between each location and the related term.

President Hoover:

Federal Deposit Insurance Company (FDIC):

Works Progress Administration (WPA):

Great-Depression Related Term	Related Locations
President Hoover	1. 2.
Federal Deposit Insurance Company (FDIC)	1. 2.
Works Progress Administration	1. 2.

