

Intro to the Great Depression WebQuest

***Directions** – Log on to <http://shanefairbanks.com>, click on the link “Intro to the Great Depression Webquest” under Topic 9, read through the website links and answer the following questions with bulleted information (be sure to pay attention to all of the bolded materials, which will be on your test).

Part 1 – Causes of the Great Depression and Overview:

1. Click on the link “Background Causes and Definitions to Know.” Read through the page and make sure to note the italicized words and definitions. Out of the various problems leading up to the Great Depression, what do you think was the biggest contributing factor and WHY?
2. Click on the additional links under Part 1. What were some of the immediate causes of the Great Depression?
3. What was the government’s and the American peoples’ response to the conditions of the Great Depression, or how were people’s lives and the government impacted by the Great Depression?

Part 2 – Crash Course Great Depression Video:

1. According to the video, what caused the *real* Great Depression?
2. What factors led to the global Great Depression, and what effect did this have on the American economy?
3. Choose TWO ways in which President Hoover attempted to address the problems of the Great Depression, and describe how or why his efforts failed:

Part 3 – Life During the Great Depression:

1. Choose one photo from the Great Depression photographic essay. Describe in detail what is happening in this photo and what it tells you about life during the Great Depression:

Part 4 – Summary Question:

1. Pretend you are either (1) a prominent government figure, (2) a Wall Street businessman or banker, or (3) an unemployed American with a family to feed. Write a diary entry or letter to the editor of a major newspaper stating what you think should be done to help fix the Great Depression, or argue why nothing should be done to fix the problem, but let it be instead.