

Georgia Stories I

Video 4

Program 15: The Rise of Modern Georgia, Part IV

Story 1: The Great Depression

Do You Remember?

1. What two problems did farmers face that led them into the Great Depression?
2. What event happened in the business world that triggered the Great Depression?
3. What fraction of the population was unemployed during the Great Depression?
4. What did the expression “can to can’t” mean?
5. What was one way people without money used to get the things they needed?
6. What did people do for entertainment during this period?
7. Who was elected president in 1932?
8. What did this president do to try to relieve the problems of the depression?
9. What finally ended the Great Depression?

What Do You Think?

10. Do you think it would be possible for the country to have another “great depression” today?
Why or why not?

Want to Learn More?

11. Interview an older person about his or her experiences during the Great Depression.

Answers to Video 4, Program 15, Story 1

1. depressed cotton prices and the boll weevil
2. the stock market crashed in October 1929
3. one-fourth
4. The expression meant that people worked from the time they “can see” in the morning until the time they “can’t see” at night.
5. They traded with each other, exchanging goods and services.
6. Many had radios, and movies were popular.
7. Franklin Delano Roosevelt
8. President Roosevelt instituted a series of programs called the “New Deal” that authorized funding of projects that put people to work.
9. The beginning of World War II helped end the depression.
10. Responses will vary. The government has instituted many programs that should help avoid another “great depression.”
11. Check student responses.