

North Carolina: People, Places, & Progress

Chapter 12: The Great Depression and the Big War

Internet Activity



The Great Depression brought many economic problems to North Carolina in the 1930s. Farm prices were low and many factories, banks, and businesses closed.

Instructions: Use the information in the links below to complete the activities.

Part I: Click here for [Library of Congress: Great Depression Photos](#). Enter “North Carolina” in the search box. Click the **Gallery** or **Grid** button. Click the next page arrow, as needed, to view pictures of our state during the Great Depression.

To enlarge the pictures, click the small version of the picture. Click “About This Item” for more details about the picture.

Your task: Imagine that you work for a book publisher. You must choose one or two pictures from this website to include in a chapter about North Carolina during the Great Depression.

When you have made your choice, print the picture(s). To print, right-click on the picture. Choose Print Picture. Staple the printed picture(s) to this page.

Below the printed picture(s), write a short paragraph to explain why you chose the photo(s). In your writing, answer these questions.

- What qualities about the picture represent the topic?
- What facts would viewers gain from the photo?
- What emotions might viewers have when looking at the photo?



Moving tobacco sticks to barn, Orange County, NC. Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division, FSA-OWI Collection, fsa 1998013190



Children of North Carolina sharecropper, 1935. Source: Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division, FSA-OWI Collection, fsa 8a07476v.

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Part II: Read through the websites below to find facts about the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) in North Carolina. This program was designed to give unemployed young men a job during the Great Depression.

[The CCC in North Carolina](#)

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1. Which president created the CCC?

2. What crop were North Carolina farmers actually paid **not** to grow?

3. What types of projects were built in North Carolina by the WPA and the PWA?

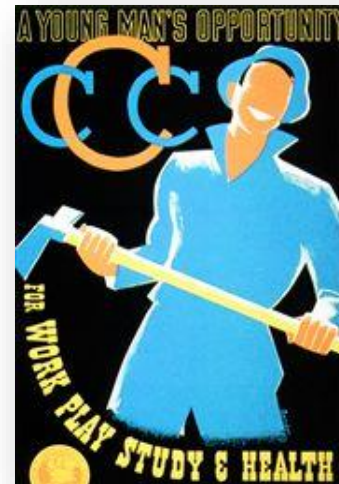
4. About how many young men were employed by the CCC in North Carolina?

5. What did the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) build that can still be seen in North Carolina today?

Part III: Study the poster at right.

6. What do you think was the purpose of this 1930s CCC poster? How was the poster supposed to get a viewer's attention?

7. According to the poster, what would young men in the CCC get to have?



Source: National Archives