Chapter 15: From Flappers to World War II

Economic Collapse

Directions: The Great Depression brought many economic problems to West Virginia 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 <u>Library of Congress: Great</u>

<u>Depression Photos</u>. Enter "West Virginia" 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 West Virginia 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.



Sign at entrance to mine, Kempton, West Virginia, 1939. Source: Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division, FSA-OWI Collection, fsa 2017717898



Children of coal miners, Sunbeam Mines, Scotts Run, West Virginia, 1935. Source: Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division, FSA-OWI Collection, fsa 2017730438

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?



Name:		

Date:

INTERNET ACTIVITY

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

American Experience
The CCC in West Virginia
The Great Depression in West Virginia

Which president created the CCC?
How were West Virginian's affected by the Great Depression?
What types of projects were built in West Virginia by the WPA and the PWA?
About how many young men were employed by the CCC in West Virginia?
Name one project constructed by the New Deal in West Virginia that is still in service to this day?

Part III: Study the poster at right.

CCC poster? How was the poster supposed to get a
viewer's attention?
According to the poster, what would young men in the CCC get to have?

What do you think was the purpose of this 1930s



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