

Pathfinder for the Great Depression – 8th Grade



From Tobacco bag stringing: Life and labor in the Depression

Listed below are resources which are focused on the Great Depression (1929-1938) with a special emphasis on North Carolina. When doing research on this time period, look for the term: **Stock Market Crash, New Deal, Presidents Herbert Hoover and Franklin D. Roosevelt, Works Progress Administration (WPA), Civil Works Administration, and rural North Carolina.**

Reference Works

LEARN NC 8th Grade Reference Desk

- *Encarta Encyclopedia Articles* - http://encarta.msn.com/artcenter/_browse.html
Students can find historic documents, literary excerpts, famous speeches, literary criticism, and year-by-year wrap-ups of important events.
- *The Way We Lived in North Carolina* - <http://www.waywelivednc.com/>
This website explores the social history of the Tar Heel State from the pre-colonial period to the present.

Online Databases

NC Wise Owl - <http://www.ncwiseowl.org/>

- *Grolier's New Book of Knowledge* - <http://go.grolier.com/>
- *Jr. Reference – InfoTrac* - <http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/ncowl?db=JRC>

NC LIVE - <http://www.nclive.org/>

Browse by Subject and Type of Resource using the following:

- Greenwood Electronic Media
- Ebsco Host

Gateway Website

LEARN NC – Best of the Web <http://www.learnnc.org/bestweb/>

Individual Websites

From LEARN NC Best of the Web

Documenting the American South - <http://docsouth.unc.edu/>

It has primary resources for the study of southern history which include text, image, and audio files. A collection titled “The North Carolina Experience, Beginnings to 1940” provides information on the Great Depression and the South.

American Life Histories: Manuscripts from the Federal Writers’ Project, 1936-1940 -

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/wpaintro/wpahome.html>

These life histories were compiled and transcribed by the staff of the Folklore Project of the Federal Writers’ Project for the U.S Works Progress (later Works Projects) Administration (WPA) from 1936-1940. It includes 174 listings for North Carolina.

The History of Education in North Carolina -

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/students/edhistory.html>

This site discusses how the “School Machinery Act provided the life preserver necessary for the education system to survive the Great Depression.”

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Tobacco Bag Stringing: Life and Labor in the Depression -

<http://www.learnnc.org/lp/editions/ncc-tbs>

Throughout the tobacco-growing regions of the American South during the Great Depression, individuals and families earned much-needed income by sewing drawstrings into small cotton tobacco bags. This LEARN NC website presents images and text from a report in the North Carolina Collection at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill documenting tobacco bag stringing work in North Carolina and Virginia in 1939.

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The New Deal Network -

<http://www.newdeal.feri.org/>

A guide to the Great Depression of the 1930s that includes articles, speeches, photographs, letters, and many other primary sources.

Image Resources

The National Archives and Records Administration

Picturing the Century – The Great Depression and the New Deal -

http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/picturing_the_century/galleries/greatdep.html

Many notable 20th-century American photographers worked for one or more of the Government photography projects. Examples of their work can be seen on this site.

LEARN NC Multimedia Library - <http://www.learnnc.org/lp/multimedia/>

Search for terms in the Tag Cloud or use the search box to find images on the Great Depression in North Carolina. Include search terms such as **Great Depression, WPA, Tobacco, Women, Poverty, Home Demonstrations,** and the **Depression.**

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