

Louisiana: Our History, Our Home

Presentations, Quick Notes & Internet Activities

Chapter 13: The Era of Huey Long

Summary:

In this lesson, students will examine Depression-era photos from the Library of Congress's American Memory collection. Students will evaluate photos taken in Louisiana to determine which best exemplify the state during this time period. Students will also look at the work of the CCC in Louisiana. This New Deal program gave thousands of young Louisianans both employment and education.

Duration: 45-60 minutes

Notes:

- Introduce the lesson by having students discuss the photos on the handout. Ask students to explain what they see in the photos. What emotions do the photos bring out of viewers? What was the photographer's purpose in publishing the photograph? etc.
- Encourage students to spend at least 15-20 minutes looking for a photo in Part I. This will help them have some great mental pictures of life during the Great Depression in Louisiana.
- Students will print one or two pictures from the Internet during this activity. These could later be used for a display of some sort or as the basis for an extended writing activity.

Answer Key:

Part I: Students should staple a photo from the American Memory collection to the activity sheet. Students should have a short paragraph on the printed page explaining why they chose that photo as best exemplifying the life of Louisianans during the Great Depression.

Part II:

1. Franklin Delano Roosevelt
2. Huey Long was a vocal opponent of Roosevelt and the New Deal programs
3. examples: park construction, reforestation of forests, dams, roads, bridges, etc.
4. about 42,000
5. World War II sent young men to war or factories

Part III:

6. The poster designed to get young men interested in joining the CCC. It is brightly colored, looks fun, and the man looks happy.
7. work, fun, learning, good health