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South Carolina: The Beautiful Palmetto State

Chapter 13: The Transition Twenties and Depression Thirties ~ Internet Activity





Children of a sharecropper, Manning, SC, 1939. Source: Library of Congress, Prints and Photographics Division, FSA-OWI Collection, fsa 8a40753

The Great Depression brought many economic problems to South 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 <u>Library of Congress:</u> <u>Great Depression Photos.</u>

In the "Search this Collection" box, enter "South Carolina" and then click **GO**. Search for photos from your county, or one nearby. Click the **Gallery View** button. Click the **Next**

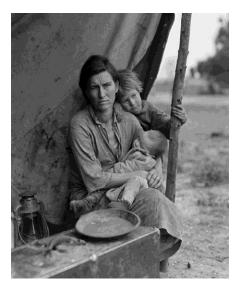
Page link, as needed, to view more pictures of our state during the Great Depression.

To enlarge the pictures, click the small version of the picture, and click it again.

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 New Deal projects in South 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). 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?



Migrant farmwoman, 32, with seven hungry children, 1936.
Source: Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division, FSA-OWI Collection, fsa 8B29525

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



The CCC in South Carolina

General Article on CCC

- 1. Which president created the CCC?
- 2. What was the pay for CCC workers, and how was the salary used?
- 3. List four types of CCC work.
 4. Why was the CCC discontinued?
 5. What are two parks in South Carolina built by the CCC?

Part III: Study the poster at right.

What do you think was the purpose of this 1930s 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?



Source: National Archives