

# Unit 2

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**Belleville Public Schools**

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United States History 2 Honors: Grade 11

Unit 2: The Great Depression

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## **Unit Overview**

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In Unit 2 students will learn how weaknesses in the American economy helped bring about the Great Depression and how it affected millions of Americans. They will examine the economy, hardship and suffering, and Hoover's failed policies.

## **Enduring Understanding**

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1. As the prosperity of the 1920s ended, severe economic problems gripped the nation.
2. During the Great Depression, Americans did what they had to do to survive.
3. President Hoover's conservative response to the Great Depression drew criticism from many Americans.

## **Essential Questions**

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1. What underlying issues and conditions led to the Great Depression?
2. How did economic conditions lead to the stock market crash of 1929?
3. Why were the policies of the Hoover Administration ineffective in dealing with the problems of the Depression?

## **Exit Skills**

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1. Students should be able to apply domain-specific vocabulary in their verbal and written responses, essays and papers.
2. Students should be able to choose a side to a query and provide logical argument for their choice.

3. Students should be able to deductively use new information and logically apply this evidence to a related problem.
4. Students should be able to inductively gather information and deduce a theory based on their findings.
5. Students should be able to gather information in meaningful clusters and apply their findings to specific problems.

## **Task**

Write an persuasive essay that answers this question:

Could the Great Depression have been avoided?

1. Your essay should include key people, events, and trends of the Great Depression.
2. Cite evidence to support your position.
3. Organize your essay into an introduction, body, and conclusion.

Vocabulary

*dust bowl*

Great Plains

prairie

bank run

bank withdrawal

Great Depression

economic crisis

slump

## New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSL-S)

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SOC.6.1.12.7	The Great Depression and World War II (1929-1945)
SOC.6.1.12.A.9	Civics, Government, and Human Rights
SOC.6.1.12.A.9.a	Analyze how the actions and policies of the United States government contributed to the Great Depression.
SOC.6.1.12.B.9	Geography, People, and the Environment
SOC.6.1.12.B.9.a	Determine how agricultural practices, overproduction, and the Dust Bowl intensified the worsening economic situation during the Great Depression.
SOC.6.1.12.C.9	Economics, Innovation, and Technology
SOC.6.1.12.C.9.b	Explain how economic indicators (i.e., gross domestic product, the consumer index, the national debt, and the trade deficit) are used to evaluate the health of the economy.
SOC.6.1.12.C.10.a	Evaluate the effectiveness of economic regulations and standards established during this time period in combating the Great Depression.
SOC.6.1.12.D.9.a	Explore the global context of the Great Depression and the reasons for the worldwide economic collapse.
SOC.6.1.12.D.9.b	Analyze the impact of the Great Depression on the American family, migratory groups, and ethnic and racial minorities.
SOC.6.1.12.D.10.a	Analyze how other nations responded to the Great Depression.
SOC.6.1.12.CS9	The Great Depression and World War II: The Great Depression: The Great Depression resulted from government economic policies, business practices, and individual decisions, and it impacted business and society.

### Interdisciplinary Connections

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**Witness for the Prosecution**—High school students take on the role of investigative journalist and read the play *Witness for the Prosecution* by Agatha Christie. After each act of the play, students write news stories using facts from the play.

[www.teachnet-lab.org/fklane/pmaslow/witness.htm](http://www.teachnet-lab.org/fklane/pmaslow/witness.htm)

- 0xLA.RI.11-12.1 Accurately cite strong and thorough textual evidence, (e.g., via discussion, written response, etc.), to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferentially, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
- 0xLA.RI.11-12.7 Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words in order to address a question or solve a problem.

- 0xLA.RL.11-12.1 Cite strong and thorough textual evidence and make relevant connections to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
- 0x<sup>LA.SL.11-</sup>12.1.A Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well reasoned exchange of ideas.
- 0xLA.SL.11-12.4 Present information, findings and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically. The content, organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
- 0xLA.W.11-12.1 Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
- 0xLA.W.11-12.7 Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
- 0xMA.9-12.S-CP Conditional Probability and the Rules of Probability
- 0x<sup>MA.9-12.S-</sup>CP.B Use the rules of probability to compute probabilities of compound events in a uniform probability model
- 0xMA.9-12.S-IC Making Inferences and Justifying Conclusions
- 0x<sup>MA.9-12.S-</sup>IC.B Make inferences and justify conclusions from sample surveys, experiments, and observational studies
- 0x<sup>MA.9-12.S-</sup>ID.A Summarize, represent, and interpret data on a single count or measurement variable
- 0x<sup>MA.9-12.S-</sup>MD Using Probability to Make Decisions
- 0xTECH.8.1.12 All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to solve problems individually and collaborate and to create and communicate knowledge.
- 0xTECH.8.1.12.B Students demonstrate creative thinking, construct knowledge and develop innovative products and process using technology.
- 0xTECH.8.1.12.E Students apply digital tools to gather, evaluate, and use information.
- 0xTECH.8.2.12.C The design process is a systematic approach to solving problems.
- 0xTECH.8.2.12.E Computational thinking builds and enhances problem solving, allowing students to move beyond using knowledge to creating knowledge.

## **Learning Objectives**

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1. The Great Depression was the worst economic calamity in American history.
2. Several flawed economic and political policies contributed to the stock market crash.
3. The Depression affected Americans of all economic and social strata.
4. The New Deal demanded significant spending on the federal level to combat the Depression.

**Action Verbs:** Below are examples of action verbs associated with each level of the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy.

<b>Remember</b>	<b>Understand</b>	<b>Apply</b>	<b>Analyze</b>	<b>Evaluate</b>	<b>Create</b>
Choose	Classify	Choose	Categorize	Appraise	Combine
Describe	Defend	Dramatize	Classify	Judge	Compose
Define	Demonstrate	Explain	Compare	Criticize	Construct
Label	Distinguish	Generalize	Differentiate	Defend	Design
List	Explain	Judge	Distinguish	Compare	Develop
Locate	Express	Organize	Identify	Assess	Formulate
Match	Extend	Paint	Infer	Conclude	Hypothesize
Memorize	Give Examples	Prepare	Point out	Contrast	Invent
Name	Illustrate	Produce	Select	Critique	Make
Omit	Indicate	Select	Subdivide	Determine	Originate
Recite	Interrelate	Show	Survey	Grade	Organize
Select	Interpret	Sketch	Arrange	Justify	Plan
State	Infer	Solve	Breakdown	Measure	Produce
Count	Match	Use	Combine	Rank	Role Play
Draw	Paraphrase	Add	Detect	Rate	Drive
Outline	Represent	Calculate	Diagram	Support	Devise
Point	Restate	Change	Discriminate	Test	Generate
Quote	Rewrite	Classify	Illustrate		Integrate
Recall	Select	Complete	Outline		Prescribe
Recognize	Show	Compute	Point out		Propose
Repeat	Summarize	Discover	Separate		Reconstruct
Reproduce	Tell	Divide			Revise
	Translate	Examine			Rewrite
	Associate	Graph			Transform
	Compute	Interpolate			
	Convert	Manipulate			
	Discuss	Modify			
	Estimate	Operate			
	Extrapolate	Subtract			
	Generalize				
	Predict				



### **Suggested Activities & Best Practices**

What Do Best Practices Look Like? Classrooms that exemplify best practices are easy to detect as soon as you enter the room. • Project materials and books are numerous. • Students are engaged and focused on their work. • Teachers often use collaborative and/or authentic tasks that place students at the center of the learning process. • Seating arrangements are clustered, varied and functional with multiinstructional areas. • Classrooms are activity-based spaces as opposed to places to “sit and get” lectures. • Teachers are actively engaged with different groups and students are anxious to enlist visitors in their various tasks or assignments. • There is a joyful feeling of purposeful movement, industrious thinking and a vital and vibrant atmosphere and environment.

#### 1. Engage with History

Suppose the year is 1935 and you are the head of your household. Write a letter to a relative overseas in which you describe your family's situation and how you have handled the crisis. Discuss the challenges



created by the Great Depression and what you've learned as a result of enduring such hardships.

## 2. Focus on writing

The Great Depression is not the only period of economic instability that the United States has experienced. Conduct research on other such periods, such as the Panic of 1837. In an expository essay, compare and contrast the chosen period to the Great Depression of the 1930s, paying particular attention to the causes and outcomes of the economic disruptions.

## 3. Multimedia Activity

Organize a small group into two subgroups. One subgroup should look at internet and library resources for information on the physical causes of the Dust Bowl. Sources might include information from geographers and meteorologists. The other subgroup should examine first-person accounts of the Dust Bowl. With your findings, create a multimedia presentation about the causes of the Dust Bowl and its effects on Americans in both rural and urban areas. Include video, music, and personal narratives in your presentation.

## **Assessment Evidence - Checking for Understanding (CFU)**

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• Exit Tickets-formative assessment
• Admit Tickets
• Common benchmarks
• Evaluation rubrics
• Self- assessments
• Unit tests-summative assessment
• Quizzes

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## hardships.-benchmark assessment

### Written reports-alternate assessment

- Admit Tickets
- Anticipation Guide
- Common Benchmarks
- Compare & Contrast
- Create a Multimedia Poster
- DBQ's
- Define
- Describe
- Evaluate
- Evaluation rubrics
- Exit Tickets
- Explaining
- Fist- to-Five or Thumb-Ometer
- Illustration
- Journals
- KWL Chart
- Learning Center Activities
- Multimedia Reports
- Newspaper Headline
- Outline
- Question Stems
- Quickwrite
- Quizzes
- Red Light, Green Light
- Self- assessments
- Socratic Seminar
- Study Guide
- Surveys
- Teacher Observation Checklist
- Think, Pair, Share
- Think, Write, Pair, Share
- Top 10 List
- Unit review/Test prep
- Unit tests
- Web-Based Assessments
- Written Reports

## **Primary Resources & Materials**

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**Text:** American History (2018) HMH Social Studies

**Website:** The History channel, PBS, United streaming and Channel One News

[http://mrpatten17.com/Mr.Patten/Dictators\\_%26\\_World\\_War\\_II.html](http://mrpatten17.com/Mr.Patten/Dictators_%26_World_War_II.html)

<https://prezi.com/hhl2t-keylm-/wwii-rise-of-dictators/>

## **Ancillary Resources**

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History Channel Video

"The Depression Strikes"

Document-Based Investigations

Graphic Organizers

Interactive Games

Image with Hotspots: Building the Boulder Dam

Difficult Decisions: Hoover and Direct Relief

## **Technology Infusion**

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What **Technology Infusion** and/or strategies are integrated into this unit to enhance learning? Please list all hardware, software and

strategies. Please find a technology pedagogy wheel for assistance while completing this section.

- Google Classroom activities
- Google exit tix
- Use of Google Chrome Books
- Google Classroom to communicate information to the students
- Various Online tools

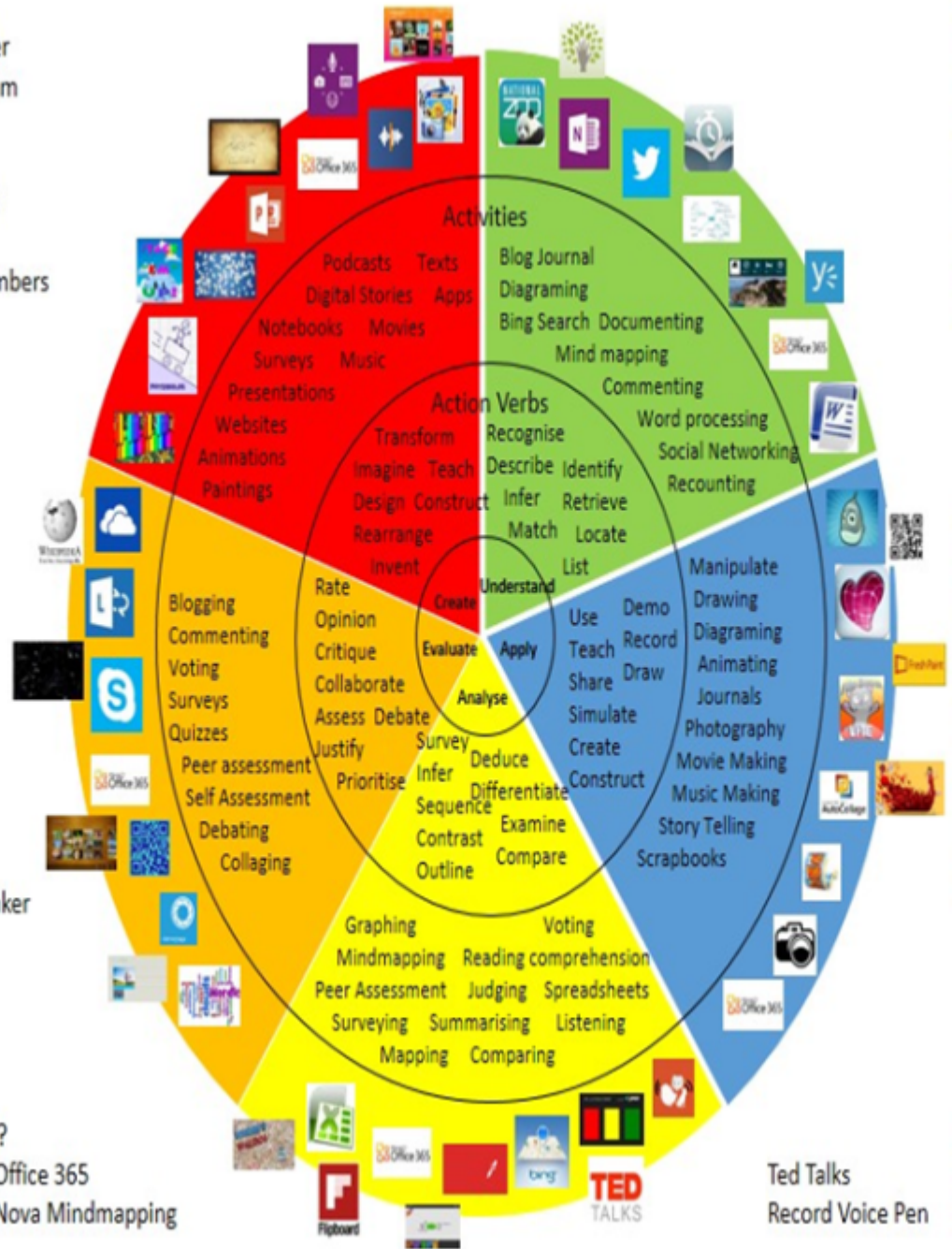
# Win 8.1 Apps/Tools Pedagogy Wheel

Podcasts  
 Photostory 3  
 Kid Story Builder  
 Music Maker Jam  
 Paint A Story  
 Office 365  
 MS PowerPoint  
 Stack 'Em Up  
 NqSquared Numbers  
 Physamajig  
 Xylophone 8

Wikipedia  
 Skydrive  
 Lync  
 SkyMap  
 Skype  
 Office 365  
 Puzzle Touch  
 Easy QR  
 Memorylage  
 Life Moments  
 Word Cloud Maker

Where's Waldo?  
 MS Excel      Office 365  
 Flipboard      Nova Mindmapping

Ted Talks  
 Record Voice Pen



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 And adapted for Windows 8.1 devices by Charlotte Beckhurst @CharBeckhurst

## **Alignment to 21st Century Skills & Technology**

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- English, reading or language arts
- World languages
- Arts
- Mathematics
- Economics
- Science
- Geography
- History
- Government and Civics

## **21st Century Skills/Interdisciplinary Themes**

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- 0x • Global Awareness
- 0x • Financial, Economic, Business and Entrepreneurial Literacy
- 0x • Civic Literacy
- 0x • Health Literacy
- 0x • Environmental Literacy
- Communication and Collaboration
- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical thinking and Problem Solving
- ICT (Information, Communications and Technology) Literacy
- Information Literacy
- Life and Career Skills
- Media Literacy

## **21st Century Skills**

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- Civic Literacy

- Environmental Literacy
- Financial, Economic, Business and Entrepreneurial Literacy
- Global Awareness
- Health Literacy

## Differentiation

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### Differentiations:

- Alternative formative and summative assessments
- Choice boards
- Games and tournaments
- Group investigations
- Guided Reading

## Special Education Learning (IEP's & 504's)

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Please identify the **Special Education Learning** adaptations that will be employed in the unit, using the ones identified below.

- printed copy of board work/notes provided
- additional time for skill mastery
- assistive technology
- behavior management plan
- Center-Based Instruction
- check work frequently for understanding
- computer or electronic device utilizes
- extended time on tests/ quizzes
- have student repeat directions to check for understanding
- highlighted text visual presentation
- modified assignment format
- modified test content
- modified test format
- modified test length
- multiple test sessions
- multi-sensory presentation
- preferential seating
- preview of content, concepts, and vocabulary
- Provide modifications as dictated in the student's IEP/504 plan
- reduced/shortened reading assignments

- Reduced/shortened written assignments
- secure attention before giving instruction/directions
- shortened assignments
- student working with an assigned partner
- teacher initiated weekly assignment sheet
- Use open book, study guides, test prototypes

## **English Language Learning (ELL)**

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Please identify the **English Language Learning** adaptations that will be employed in the unit, using the ones identified below.

- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning;
- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- decreasing the amount of work presented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using computer word processing spell check and grammar check features
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests

## **At Risk**

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Please identify Intervention Strategies that will be employed in the unit, using the ones identified below.

- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning
- allowing students to select from given choices
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- collaborating (general education teacher and specialist) to modify vocabulary, omit or modify items to



reflect objectives for the student, eliminate sections of the test, and determine how the grade will be determined prior to giving the test.

- decreasing the amount of work presented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- marking students' correct and acceptable work, not the mistakes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using authentic assessments with real-life problem-solving
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify

## **Talented and Gifted Learning (T&G)**

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Please identify the **Talented and Gifted** adaptations that will be employed in the unit, using the ones identified below.

- Above grade level placement option for qualified students
- Advanced problem-solving
- Allow students to work at a faster pace
- Cluster grouping
- Complete activities aligned with above grade level text using Benchmark results
- Create a blog or social media page about their unit
- Create a plan to solve an issue presented in the class or in a text
- Debate issues with research to support arguments
- Flexible skill grouping within a class or across grade level for rigor
- Higher order, critical & creative thinking skills, and discovery
- Multi-disciplinary unit and/or project
- Teacher-selected instructional strategies that are focused to provide challenge, engagement, and growth opportunities
- Utilize exploratory connections to higher-grade concepts
- Utilize project-based learning for greater depth of knowledge

## **Sample Lesson**

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Unit Name: WW2

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Interdisciplinary Connection: ELA

Statement of Objective: SWDAT explains WW 2 and politics during the 1930's and 40s timeline exercise.

Anticipatory Set/Do Now: Linked A question of the day will be located on the board for them to answer in our Google Classroom.

Learning Activity: Students will read ch 20 and research a timeline of events leading towards and including WW2. Students will be in groups of 3-4 that have been created by me utilizing data from my PGP

Student Assessment/CFU's: Linked the Timeline will be reviewed in a Q and A session.

Materials: Text, notebooks, online textbook and paper

21st Century Themes and Skills: Linked

Differentiation: Linked Students have the ability to add or omit any item from the timeline.

Integration of Technology: Laptop, projector