

ABOUT THIS PACKET

Each reading passage in this packet allows students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

OVERVIEW

THE CASE

Read the case aloud to your students so they understand the mission.

QUESTIONS

There are 18 questions to be answered by reading the passage and marking the text evidence.

CLUES

After answering each question, the students will **mark off** their answer choice on their answer sheet. After all questions have been answered, the suspect, evidence, and location will be revealed.

GRADE LEVEL

RANGE

4

BEGINNING

4

MIDDLE

5

BEGINNING

5

MIDDLE

5

END

6

BEGINNING

6

MIDDLE

6

END

7

BEGINNING

THE GREAT DEPRESSION

The Great Depression happened in the 1930s and lasted about ten years. It was a terrible economic time in America and the rest of the world. Many Americans were out of jobs, had no money, shelter or food. Debts (money owed) began to increase.

The stock market is an important component (part) of how the Great Depression started. A stock is a shared ownership in a company. Anyone can invest or buy, a stock or a part of a company. In the 1920s, the stock market value was increasing, so many people were investing (buying) heavily into it. However, stock value soon began to drop, and people tried selling their stocks to ensure they didn't lose their money. Everyone selling at once led to the crash of the market in 1929. This meant that stocks lost all of their value and people's money was worthless. The day the stock market crashed is known as Black Thursday.

The Great Depression started after the stock market crashed. The failure of banks also contributed to it. When the Depression hit, many people tried to pull their money out from their bank accounts at once. Before the Depression, people had also borrowed money from banks on credit. In fact, too much money was borrowed and now people were unable to pay it back. Too much borrowing and many people trying to withdraw at the same time, meant banks didn't have enough money, leaving banks to fail and people without their savings.

Another thing that contributed to the Great Depression was a drought (no rain) in the Great Plains. The Great Plains consisted of parts of Colorado, Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. The lack of water meant farmers were struggling to produce enough crops. It became known as the Dust Bowl because the lack of rain, plus strong winds brought a lot of dust storms. Many farmers lost their land because the lack of crops meant less money to pay for their bills.

3

How many times was what number president?



27th



27th



31st



33rd

4

What word means money owed?



Debt



Evict



Stock



Drought

5

Which state was NOT part of the Great Plains?



Oklahoma



Texas



Kansas



Pennsylvania

6

What war restarted the economy?



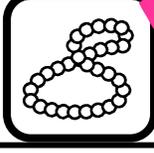
Vietnam War



World War II



Civil War



World War I

7

What was Franklin's plan called?



Catch



Economic Reform



New Compromise



New Deal

8

During which decade was the Great Depression?



1990s



1970s



1950s



1930s

9

A _____ is a shared ownership in a company.



Bank



Stock



Institution



Market

10

What was the booming economy in the 1920s known as?



Booming 20s



Roaring 20s



Prosperity 20s



Rage 20s

CASE FILE

Cross out the images you use as an answer. What remains will solve the case!

SUSPECTS



LOCATION



EVIDENCE



CONGRATULATIONS

YOU SOLVED
THE CASE!



LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

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