



***Social and Cultural
Effects of the Great
Depression***

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The Great Depression was a time of destitution and desperation that led to many waves of social and cultural change throughout the United States.





*Mass Migration and
Crime Rates*



The Great Migration

- ◆ Lasted from 1916-1970
- ◆ Consisted of black people heading North to find better opportunities
- ◆ They were often greeted by poor working conditions and racism.



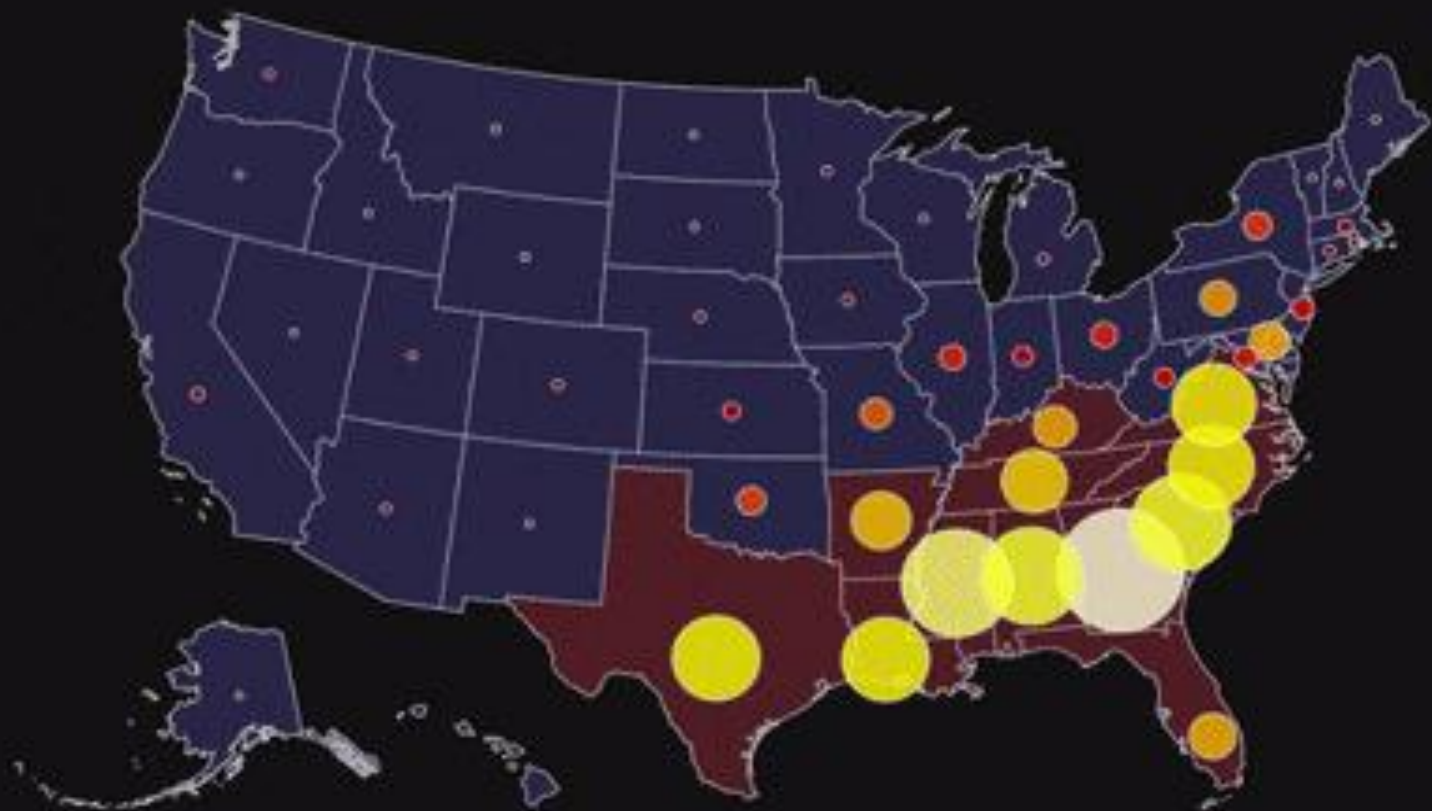
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The Great Migration

(% of U.S. African American population)

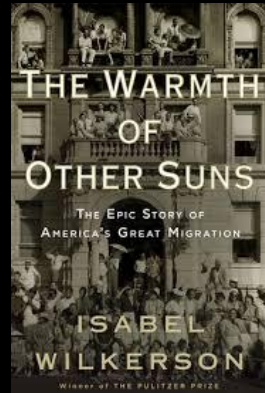
North
17%

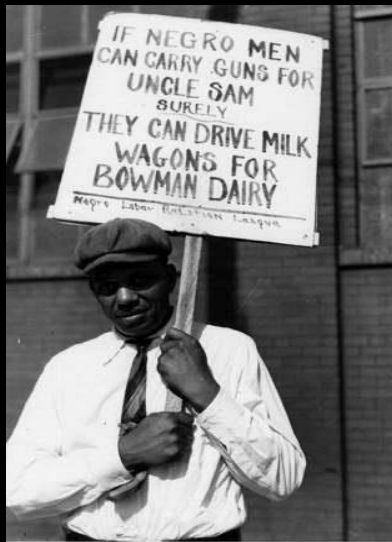
South
83%



“Our Negro problem, therefore, is not of the Negro’s making. No group in our population is less responsible for its existence. But every group is responsible for its continuance.... Both races need to understand that their rights and duties are mutual and equal and their interests in the common good are identical.... There is no help or healing in appraising past responsibilities or in present apportioning of praise or blame. The past is of value only as it aids in understanding the present; and an understanding of the facts of the problem--a magnanimous understanding by both races--is the first step toward its solution.”

Isabel Wilkerson, “The Warmth of Other Suns”





**“Prohibition has made
nothing but trouble.”**

— Al Capone

Crime

- ◆ Cases of malnutrition and suicide rose
- ◆ Many people resorted to petty crime to support their families
- ◆ Mainly prostitution, suicide, and alcoholism
- ◆ The Prohibition caused a spark in bootleggers and speakeasies.





Government get out
REEEEEEEEEE


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U.S. IS VOTED DRY

36th STATE RATIFIES DRY AMENDMENT JAN. 16

Nebraska Noses Out Missouri for Honor of Completing Job of Writing Dry Act into the Constitution; Wyoming, Wisconsin and Minnesota Right on Their Heels

JANUARY 16, 1919, MOMENTOUS DAY IN WORLD'S HISTORY

Rectification Accomplished in a Little Less Than Thirteen Months with Three States More Than the Required Three-Fourths, Resolutions Given Period of Seven Years for the Completion of Prohibition, States Subjected to Join Their State Status in 75th Act, With Possible Exception of New Jersey. United States Takes Initial Step in World-Wide Drive for Frankfurter, State and National Leagues Now Give Earnest Attention to Law Enforcement Legislation

**TWENTY-THREE STATES APPROVED
ACT IN FIRST SIXTEEN DAYS OF 1919;
IN 1918, 15; 9 IN CALLED SESSIONS**

Alabama	Approved	Jan. 16
Arizona	Approved	Jan. 16
Arkansas	Approved	Jan. 16
California	Approved	Jan. 16
Colorado	Approved	Jan. 16
Connecticut	Approved	Jan. 16
Delaware	Approved	Jan. 16
District of Columbia	Approved	Jan. 16
Florida	Approved	Jan. 16
Georgia	Approved	Jan. 16
Idaho	Approved	Jan. 16
Illinois	Approved	Jan. 16
Indiana	Approved	Jan. 16
Iowa	Approved	Jan. 16
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Montana	Approved	Jan. 16
Nebraska	Approved	Jan. 16
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New Hampshire	Approved	Jan. 16
New Jersey	Approved	Jan. 16
New Mexico	Approved	Jan. 16
New York	Approved	Jan. 16
North Carolina	Approved	Jan. 16
North Dakota	Approved	Jan. 16
Ohio	Approved	Jan. 16
Oklahoma	Approved	Jan. 16
Oregon	Approved	Jan. 16
Rhode Island	Approved	Jan. 16
South Carolina	Approved	Jan. 16
South Dakota	Approved	Jan. 16
Tennessee	Approved	Jan. 16
Texas	Approved	Jan. 16
Vermont	Approved	Jan. 16
Virginia	Approved	Jan. 16
Washington	Approved	Jan. 16
West Virginia	Approved	Jan. 16
Wisconsin	Approved	Jan. 16
Wyoming	Approved	Jan. 16



Sixty-fifth Congress of the United States of America;

At the Second Session,

Began and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the third day of December, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following amendment to the Constitution be, and hereby is, proposed to the States, to become valid as a part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of the several States as provided by the Constitution:

“ARTICLE —.

“SECTION 1. After one year from the ratification of this article the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors within, the importation thereof into, or the exportation thereof from the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes is hereby prohibited.

“SEC. 2. The Congress and the several States shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

“SEC. 3. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of the several States, as provided in the Constitution, within seven years from the date of the submission hereof to the States by the Congress.”

Champ Clark
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Thos. R. Marshall
Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.



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“Why don't they pass a constitutional amendment prohibiting anybody from learning anything? If it works as well as prohibition did, in five years Americans would be the smartest race of people on Earth.”

- Will Rogers



**Education,
Demographic Trends,
and Women's
Achievements**



Education

- ◆ Budget cuts limited school abilities, but many advancements were made.
- ◆ Many schools were overwhelmed with debt from expansion in the 1920s.
- ◆ Schools struggled because of the decrease in:
 - ❑ Funding
 - ❑ Teachers
 - ❑ Textbooks
 - ❑ Vocational education



Demographics

- ◆ The U.S. fertility rate decreased by 20% between 1929 and 1935.
- ◆ During the Great Depression, spouses were less likely to divorce.
- ◆ There was a sharp increase in suicide rates.



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“There was a ‘birth control boom’ in the 1930’s. This shows the gradual changes that had been occurring since before 1900, when because of religious reasons birth control had been illegal, to the 1910’s and 1920’s when illegal clinics existed, to the 1930’s where it was not only legal, but greatly advertised and became a popular market especially targeted at women.”

Dr. Andrea Tone, “Controlling Reproduction: An American History”

Jane Addams becomes the first woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize.
1931



Mary McLeod Bethune creates the National Council of Negro Women.
1935



The Fair Labor Standards Act allows for minimum wage without regards to sex.
1938



1933
Frances Perkins becomes the first woman to hold a position in the U.S. cabinet.



1936
Medicinal use of birth control is permitted with the help of Margaret Sanger.

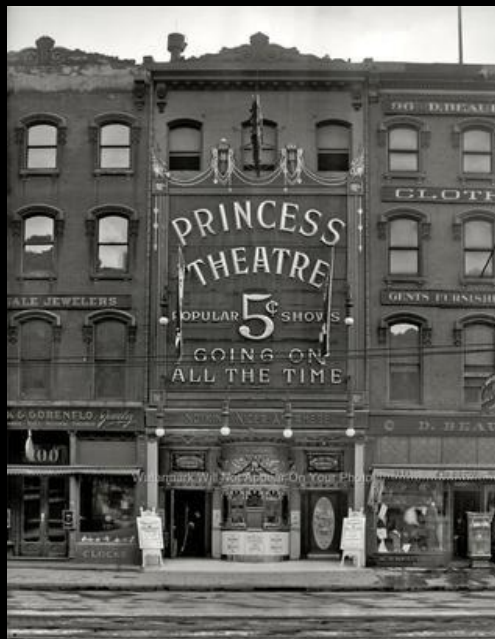


1940
Margaret Chase Smith becomes the first woman to be elected into the House and Senate.



Pop Culture

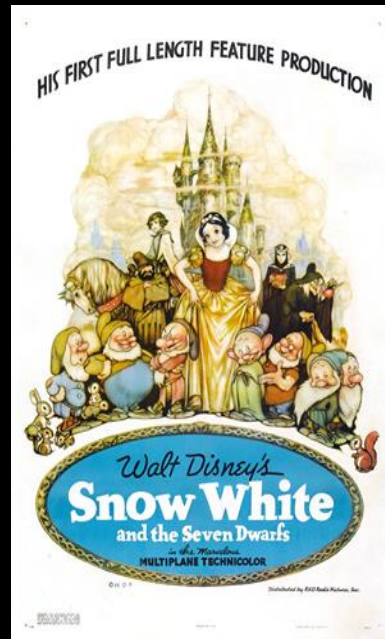
Films



- ◆ Two out of every five Americans saw one movie a week.
- ◆ Nickelodeons spread throughout the country
 - ▣ Five cent movie theatres
- ◆ Hollywood became the movie capital of the world



Frankly, my dear, I don't give a dang



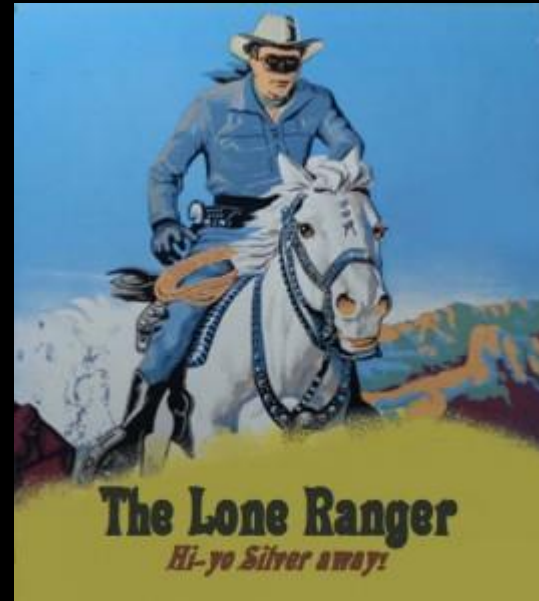
Music

- ◆ Record sales, which had reached 100 million copies a year during the mid 1920s, plunged to just 10 million in 1932.
- ◆ The Federal Music Project brought classical music to much larger audiences than in the past.
- ◆ Music Program was to give employment to professional musicians registered on the relief rolls.



Radio

- ◆ Radio was a distraction from their troubles much like movies and comics were
- ◆ Roosevelt's fireside chats
- ◆ The Shadow
- ◆ The Lone Ranger



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RADIO ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT
from The White House
Monday, July 24, 1933, 9.30 P.M.

After the adjournment of the historical special session of the Congress five weeks ago I purposely refrained from addressing you for two very good reasons.

First, I think that we all wanted the opportunity of a little quiet thought to examine and assimilate in a mental picture the crowding events of the hundred days which had been devoted to the starting of the wheels of the New Deal.

Secondly, I wanted a few weeks in which to set up the new administrative organization and to see the first fruits of our careful planning.

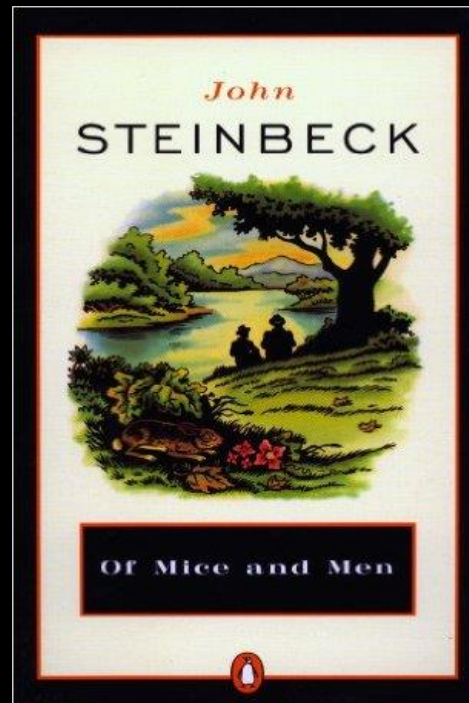
I think it will interest you if I set forth the fundamentals of this planning for national recovery; and this I am very certain will make it abundantly clear to you that all of the proposals and all of the legislation since the fourth day of March have not been just a collection of haphazard schemes but rather the orderly component parts of a connected and logical whole.

Long before Inauguration Day I became convinced that individual effort and local effort and even disjointed

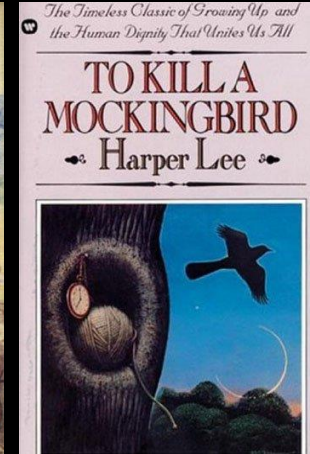
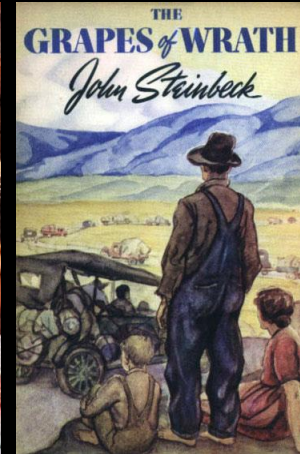
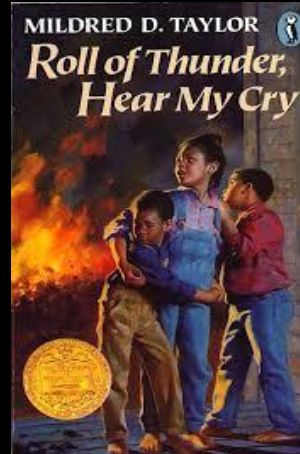
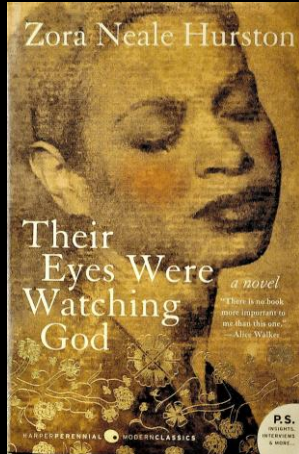
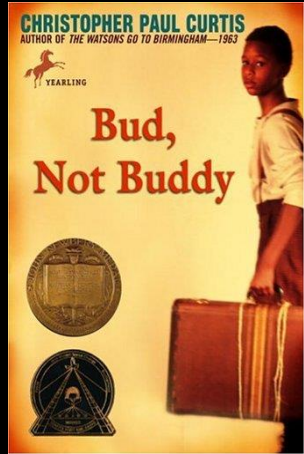
Literature



- ◆ Writers were inspired by politics and economics
- ◆ They focused on the lives of the poor and working class




Want to Know More?





Why was Bat-Man considered the 'Hero' of the Great depression?

- A. He was the only comic available during the depression
- A. He was a superhero that used his money to help people in economic trouble 
- A. He was the only affordable comic during the depression
- A. All of the above



Literature that spawned from the Great Depression focused on...

A. The Communist party in the United States

A. Hitler's regime in Germany

A. Working class and the poor life 

A. The Great Migration

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Which Disney movie made during the Great Depression made over a million dollars?

A. Steamboat Willie

A. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs




A. The Wizard of Oz

A. Gone with the Wind


Which event most likely inspired the Great Migration?

- A. Free food was being given up North
- A. Parents forced their children to move out so they would not have to live in the South
- A. Race issues and farming complications ←
- A. The New Deal was unsavory for the South

Why did crime rates heighten during the Great Depression?

- A. Because the Great Depression's mom said so
- A. Unemployed people were bored and had nothing to do
- A. Herbert Hoover was mean so citizens did all they could to make him seem like a bad President
- A. Families could not afford basic income and needed money. 

What were “speakeasies” and how did they relate to the Great Depression?

- A. Secret advertisements in the mail that leaked classified government information
- A. Private mass phone conversations in which paid customers were given secret info of the location of illegal alcohol markets
- A. Illegal alcohol markets 
- A. Tips on stock market wins and losses

Which of the following increased in schools during the Great Depression?

A. Number of textbooks per school

A. Vocational classes

A. Number of students 

A. Funding

In 1935, Mary McLeod Bethune creates the:

A. International Council of Negro Women

A. National Committee for Negro Women

A. National Council of Negro Men

A. National Council of Negro Women



The U.S. fertility rate decreased by how much between 1929 and 1935?

A. 2%

A. 20% 

A. 22%

A. 12%

Who helped to create the organization that is known as Planned Parenthood today?

A. Margaret Sanger



A. Frances Perkins

A. Margaret Chase Smith

A. Jane Addams



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