

“Dust Bowl Blues” by Willie Guthrie

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQYKJaWuj0Y>

Directions: Listen and watch the music video for “Dust Bowl Blues” then, answer the following questions.

1. Write down two lines that you feel stand out in the song. Why did they stand out to you?
2. Write down two images that stand out to you as you watch the video. Why did they stand out to you?
3. What is the overall tone of the song?
4. How can this song help explain how difficult times were during the Dust Bowl?

Headlines

Directions: Scroll through the five newspaper headlines from 1929 through 1933 then, answer the questions below.

1. What major events were going on in the United States according to the top news headlines?
2. Look at the Time Magazine cover. Describe what is going on in the photo. What can you infer about the state of the economy based on this image?
3. Look at the image of the Wall Street Journal? Describe the image on the cover of the paper. What could the castle represent? (Hint: Symbolism)
4. Create a controlling idea about the state that America was in during the early 1930s based on the headlines of the newspapers and magazine.

Migrant Experience

Directions: Read the article “The Migrant Experience” and answer the questions below.

1. In paragraph 1, what does **exacerbate** mean in context?
2. According to the article, what is the reason for the Dust Bowl that occurred in the Great Plains?
3. Why did people migrate to California? Name two reasons according to article.
4. Why was California not the perfect place for migrant farmers? Use two examples from the text to back up your answer.
5. Using textual context, what does **transience** mean? Why were the workers transient even after they moved to California?

Grapes of Wrath

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WKiuHOAoFY>

Directions: Watch the clip of the movie *Grapes of Wrath*. While you watch consider the following questions.

1. How is the family treated when they arrive at the gas station? Where do you think they are coming from?
2. Describe the waitress' tone in the beginning of the scene? How does she treat the man asking for bread? How does her tone change by the end of the scene? Why do you her attitude changes? Explain.
3. How could this scene help to understand the plight of those devastated by the Dust Bowl and Depression?
4. John Steinbeck is the author of our novel *Of Mice and Men* as well as the novel *The Grapes of Wrath*. Why would he choose to write novels like this? What could be the impact on audiences?