

Day 2 Lesson Plan: 2/25

Topic: Main Causes of the Great Depression

- Causes of the Great Depression: stock market crash, international economic crisis, ???
- Inquiry Lesson

Objectives

- Students will engage in an inquiry lesson.
- Students will examine and analyze documents to understand the causes of the Great Depression.
- Students will develop an understanding of the three main causes of the Great Depression.

Materials

- Powerpoint presentation
- Whiteboard and markers
- Source packets

Activities

1. *Warm-Up Activity*: How did the actions of the 1920s lead to the Great Depression?
 - a. Have students answer this question individually in their weekly warm-up worksheet, then share and discuss their answers as a class.
2. *Inquiry Lesson*: What were the causes of the Great Depression?
 - a. Students will initially answer this question as class. Have students share their answers, and write responses on the whiteboard.
 - b. Distribute document packets to students. In their small groups, have students examine each packet and complete the corresponding inquiry activity. Students will complete this exercise three times, for each document.
 - c. Have students revise their initial answers to come up with three main causes of the Great Depression (international economic crisis, stock market crash, bank failure)

Assessment

- Formatively assess students' knowledge and engagement throughout the class by monitoring student performance and participation.
- Summatively assess students' knowledge through the exit ticket.