THE GREAT DEPRESSION

(In pictures)
The Great Depression was a severe worldwide economic depression in the decade before World War II. The timing of the Great Depression varied across nations, but in most countries it started in about 1929 and lasted until the late 1930s or early 1940s. It was the longest, most widespread, and deepest depression of the 20th century.
Photographers, like that of Dorthea Lange, were paid by newspapers and the U.S. federal government to take pictures of the Depression in order to show other Americans just how bad it was, and inspire them to help others in need.
1. I will instruct you and your partner to look at a certain image in this presentation, and then I want you to imagine that you and your partner were the photographers who captured that photo during the Great Depression.

2. On your warm-up papers I want you to come up with a title for your picture, and a reason for why you took the image.

3. Be creative with this – you will have to use your imaginations!
A panicked crowd of people gathering on Wall Street after the 1929 crash.
A man stands asking for help to get a job during the Great Depression.
Young children protest about the record high unemployment during the Great Depression.
Large villages of poor and homeless people sprang up in towns like New York City, which were called “Hoovervilles”.
A long line of unemployed people waiting for free food.
Women serve bread and soup to the unemployed at a soup kitchen during the Great Depression.
Homeless man lying down on a pier, New York City docks, 1935.
Two homeless men sleeping on the street in San Francisco.
Buried machinery in a barn lot; South Dakota, May 1936. The Dust Bowl on the Great Plains coincided with the Great Depression.
A father and son digging through the dust of the Dust Bowl.
Photograph of 'Okies' (people fleeing the Dust Bowl) Driving to California during the Great Depression.
A family of Okies on their way to California without a car.
Once in California, many Okies were given no help and had to build their own shelters from whatever they could find.
Okie family during the Great Depression, in California, 1936.
A troubled mother sitting with her three children.
A mother and her children. This image shows the tent the family lives in.
During the Depression bankers became so unpopular that bank robbers, such as Bonnie and Clyde, became folk heroes in the 30s.
A tire filling station in California, with a painted sign expressing anger at the government.