The Great Depression
1929-1935
Learning to Survive

The Wizard of Oz (Judy Garland)
Prime Minister Mackenzie King During the Stock Market Crash
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And some more

- The hardest hit provinces were Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia.

- Atlantic provinces never had the chance to recover from the 1920’s depression.

- Young people and small business's were hit the hardest.
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Would you ask for help?

- List some reasons why you should ask for assistance.
- List some reasons why you may not want to.
- In a group come up with at least 2 reasons for each you have 15 min.
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<th>“Yes” I should ask for assistance because.....</th>
<th>“No” I don’t want to ask for assistance because....</th>
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<td>I would die if I didn’t ask</td>
<td>I’m lazy</td>
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<td>Hunger</td>
<td>I’m ashamed</td>
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<td>No Money</td>
<td>Don’t want to get deported</td>
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<td>Need a home to avoid the Dustbowl and Black blizzards</td>
<td>People have pride and don’t want to ask for help</td>
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<td>Don’t want the kids to starve</td>
<td>People won’t respect you as much if you go</td>
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<td>Feeling humiliated</td>
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R.B. Bennett
New Prime Minister

1930-1935
Riding the Rails

Hobo Jungles

Transients: People who rode the rail for work

No Help Wanted
The On to Ottawa Trek

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Video Clip
The Regina Riot

July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1935