

Black-Out

Characters

Narrator 1	Melvin	Farmer 1	Papa
Narrator 2	Larry	Farmer 2	

Scene 1: (Kansas, 1935)

Narrator 1: From 1932 to 1940 there were 362 recorded dust storms. These storms ranged from blowing wind with some dirt and sand to massive black-out storms miles high. Winds carried not only dirt, but sand, soil, fine dust, and garbage throughout the Great Plains.

Narrator 2: During the 1930's storms were often called "dusters," "black blizzards," or "sand blows." Millions of tons of dirt was swept from the dry fields and swirled up into the air. People living in these areas ran into the nearest shelter whenever a storm approached.

Narrator 1: Farmers frequently met to discuss the land conditions and try to come up with solutions to such a terrible time.

90 SCRIPTS AT DIFFERENT LEVELS

Discussion Cards

Black Sunday

What would it have been like to live through Black Sunday?

Conservation

What do you think are the best methods to conserve soil? What do you think should happen to conserve soil?

Crop Loss

What are some ways farmers could have avoided losing all their crops when the dust storms began?

Storm Safety

What are some strategies you and your family should use to stay safe during a dust storm? Do you have an emergency plan? What should you do?

360 DISCUSSION CARDS

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Make a list of things people did to protect themselves from dust:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Circle one thing from your list and write about how you would feel if that was happening to you.



180 WRITING PROMPTS

Name: _____ Date: _____

Write a top 10 list of ways you'd feel living during the Dirty Thirties:

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____ 7 _____
- 4 _____ 8 _____
- 5 _____ 9 _____
- 6 _____ 10 _____

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The Dust Bowl

I can describe what I know about the Dust Bowl.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ Author: _____

Directions: Think about what you learned in the reader's theater. Use what you know and what you learned about the Dust Bowl to answer the questions below.

Describe what caused the Dust Bowl:

What is a dust storm?

What happened on Black Sunday?

What is

Describe how the Dust Bowl Finally Ended:

Describe is your op
Bowl an

Asking and Answering Questions

I can ask and answer questions I have about life during the Dust Bowl.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ Author: _____

Directions: Think about the readers theater. Write down 5 questions you have, then give your best answer for each question.

Question #1:



Question #2:









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Comparing My Life to the 1930's

I can notice how my life is different from living in the 1930's.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ Author: _____

Directions: Think about all the things you learned about life in the 1930's. Make a list of what life might be like, then describe your life now. Tell which you would prefer and why. Use as much detail as possible.

Life in the 1930's:

My Life:

Which I Would Prefer and Why:

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90 LEARNING ORGANIZERS

Readers Theater Titles

Set Title	Script 1	Script 2	Script 3
Respecting Others	Toothpaste Mess	Water Balloon Toss	The Science of Respect
Cyber Safety	Secret for a Reason	Can a Stranger Be A Friend?	Gaming with Friends
Compassion	The Lost Necklace	Food Bank	Me, Myself, and I
Test Anxiety	Anxious Isaiah	Taking a Chance	Study Group
Quality and Effort	Laying Off the Drama	Done! What Do You Mean It's Not Good Enough?	Team Means All Team Members
Being Responsible	Time to Step Up	The Right Reason	Taking the Initiative
Ethical Dilemmas	Cheating: Is It Worth It?	Taking Candy from the Teacher	Finding My Project Online
Compassion	Compassion Challenge	An Apple Shows Proof	Putting Others First
Setting Goals	On the Right Track	Setting Goals	Pitching Perfect
Adapting to Change	It's All New	The Arrival	Movin' Time
Being a Good Citizen	Make a Plan, Make a Change	The Right Source	An Idea Takes Shape
The Great Depression	Appreciate It!	Remembering the Great Depression	Living Through the Great Depression
Revolutionary War Part 1	You Owe Us Money!	Wait, More Taxes?	Tensions are Running High
Revolutionary War Part 2	We Want Freedom!	Taking Charge of the Colonies	Time for War
Revolutionary War Part 3	Clever Saboteurs	Women Defenders	Lady Spies
Revolutionary War Part 4	Revolutionary Rogues	The Road to Valley Forge	The Turning Point

Readers Theater Titles

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Westward Expansion	A Visit to Fort Clatsop	A Visit to Find Gold	Learning About the Oregon Trail
Famous Failures	Never Give Up: Michael Jordan's Famous Failure	Never Give Up: Oprah Winfrey's Famous Failure	Never Give Up: Albert Einstein's Famous Failure
Ancient Egyptians	Give Me a Break	Egyptian Hierarchy	Queen Gossip
Ancient Aztecs	Montezuma and the Spaniards	Discovering an Ancient City	Tour of Tenochtitlan
Ancient Civilizations	Teotihuacan	Machu Picchu	Chichen Itza
Geography	Geographers Think in Themes	Battleships	Maps or Globes?
13 Colonies	Job Fair	Traveling Back to School	A Different Life
European Explorers	Juan Ponce de Leon	Samuel de Champlain	Ferdinand Magellan
Civil War	Lost and Found	An Educational Detour	Chris and Rena's Disagreement
Civil War Part 1	The War from Lincoln's POV	Stressful Beginnings	Boom! War!
Civil War Part 2	We Will Fight Too!	Secret Heroes	Brave Caretakers
Civil War Part 3	General Grant and General Lee	The End is in Sight	Turning Point
Inspirational Women	Helen Keller	Wilma Rudolph	Malala Yousafzai
Dust Bowl	The Weather Report	Dusty Times	Black-Out