



Pathfinder: 1930s

This pathfinder will help you research the 1930s in history.

Search Tools: When you are in the library you can use one of our two catalog lookup stations to find books that you need. From any computer in the high school you can use the same catalog by using the following URL 10.1.9.75:8080

Introductory Materials: Encyclopedias are a great way to start your research if you are not familiar with your subject. This will give you a quick explanation along with other terms and ideas to expand your search.

Terms and Keywords: Use Alexandria, our on-line catalog, to look for your book sources. You may try specific words to find your subject like 'Owens, Jesse', but you can also try 'Olympics' as a broader term, or even 'athletes' for more general information. Just remember to use the index in the back of the book to look up specific terms and subjects. The following are some keywords you can use in your research:

- Great Depression
- New Deal
- Polio
- Dust bowl
- Unions

Dewey Numbers: We organize our books according to the Dewey Decimal System. These are some of the areas you will find books for this project.

- 973.917 is general history of the U.S. in the 1930s.
- 331.88 is information on unions and the labor movement.

- 364.155 is information on outlaws and bank robbers.
- 92 is biography books.

Reference Materials to Use: The books with **reference** stickers cannot be checked out, however, you may make copies of the pages you need from these books. Don't forget to make a copy of the title page for your works cited page. Here are a few of the books we have that are reference on the 1930s.

- American Decades REF 973.917 AME
- Historical Encyclopedia of American Labor REF 331 HIS
- Depression America REF 330.973 DEP
- Bowling, Beatniks and Bell Bottoms REF 306 BOW
- American Decades Primary Sources, 1930-1939 REF 973.917 AME

Internet Resources: When you google a topic you can literally get millions of websites. It is difficult to know whether you have a reputable website. Most websites with the suffix .edu and .org are reliable. Make sure the .com sites are credible, if they are from well-known entities like historychannel.com or newsweek.com they are fine to use. Here are a few good sites.

- http://www.cr.nps.gov/history/online_books/unrau-williss/adhi. National Park History
- www.livinghistoryfarm.org/farminginthe30s/water_02.html Farming in the 1930s.
- www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Holocaust/olympics.html Jewish Virtual Library
- www.fbi.gov/libref/historic/famcases/famcases.htm FBI history, Famous Cases.

Additional Reading (Fiction books):

- *Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry* by Mildred Taylor
- *Moon Over Manifest* by Clare Vanderpoole
- *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen
- *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck
- *Prayers for Sale* by Sandra Dallas

***Additional 1930s local history is located in the vertical file.

