

Depression Photography, 25 pts

As with any subject, there are many ways to analyze the Great Depression. Historians typically pay the most attention to the economic causes & consequences of the Great Depression, as well as the political consequences. But with an event as monumental as the Great Depression the human consequences are more fundamental and significant important than either the economic or political shifts. To understand the human element, we will be consulting some of the most powerful primary sources of the Depression—photographs.

PHOTO ANALYSIS PROCEDURE

1. Individually, you will visit the web sites below, and complete the following:
 - Look through all of the images for both Dorothea Lange & Walker Evans;
 - Choose at least **two** images for **each** photographer;
 - Choose the pictures you feel are most powerful; and
 - Focus primarily on photos with human subjects;
 - Analyze the pictures you chose using the following format, for each.

<p>Photographer: _____</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">PHOTO</div> </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe what you see in the picture (Be specific about important details): 2. What is the impact of this picture upon the viewer? 3. How does this picture help you understand the Great Depression?

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT

After analyzing your pictures & reading the ***Digital History Human Toll packet***, specifically the section “The Human Toll,” write a brief response to the prompt below:

“In what ways & to what extent does the documentary photography of Dorothea Lange & Walker Evans reflect how the economic hardships of the Great Depression took a toll on Americans in the 1930s?”

WEB SITES

Dorothea Lange—Farm Security Administration Photographs
<http://www.historyplace.com/unitedstates/lange/index.html>

Walker Evans—From *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men*
<http://xroads.virginia.edu/~UG97/fsa/gallery.html>

Note: These are not the only sites on Lange & Evans, but you should find everything you need at them.