

TEACHER'S GUIDE

Review Questions

Part 4: A New Deal for Some

MISSION 5: "Up from the Dust"

A NOTE TO THE EDUCATOR:

The purpose of these questions is to check the students' understanding of the action of the game and the history embedded in that action. Since the outcome of gameplay can vary depending on the choices the student makes, the answers to the questions may also vary.

Some students might learn information from the game later than others, or not at all. If you choose to discuss responses as a whole group, information can be shared among all your students.

There may be more questions here than you want your students to answer in one sitting or in one evening. In that case, choose the questions you feel are most essential for their understanding of Part 4.

Feel free to copy the following pages of this activity for your students.

If you are not planning to have your students write the answers to the questions, you'll need to modify the directions.



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Name: _____

Date: _____

Directions: After you play Part 4, read and answer these questions from the point of view of your characters, Ginny and Frank Dunn. You may not know all the answers, so do the best you can. Write in complete sentences and proofread your work.

1) At the beginning of this part, you hear President Roosevelt give a speech, saying "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself." What did he mean by this?

The President is saying that Americans need to remain calm and let the government get to work and fix the Depression.

2) According to Ma, why are farmers being paid not to farm?

The government's AAA program is encouraging farmers to grow fewer crops and limit what they sell in order to increase prices.

3) After he finishes his adventure riding the rails, how does Frank feel about being back on the farm?

Frank is still unhappy to be on the farm. He is ready to travel again and try to help the family.



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4) While in town as Ginny, you visit a government assistance office and collect pamphlets about several relief programs. In the space below, provide notes on what you learned about each program:

FERA: Federal Emergency Relief Administration; this program provides emergency money to state and local governments which is then meant to be distributed to people in need.

CCC: Civilian Conservation Corps; this program hires young men to plant trees, build parks, clear trails, and perform conservation work across the country. Only men between the ages of 18 to 25 are eligible.

AAA: Agricultural Adjustment Act; This program is designed to pay farmers to reduce the amount of crops they plant in order to limit supply, which in turn will raise the prices of crops. Only farmers who own their land are eligible for the AAA.

5) Why does Ginny think the Civilian Conservation Corps is an unfair organization?

It only allows men to participate.

6) In this part, you learn about types of relief programs the government is offering to towns like Dalhart. In the space below, write a description of the type of relief next to each name:

"On the dole": Receiving a regular distribution of food and/or money from the government.

Work relief: A type of government aid where a person works on a public project and receives money or food.

7) Why would someone prefer to receive work relief instead of being on the dole?

Being on the dole can be embarrassing for people who don't want to be seen receiving charity. Work relief can allow a person to save face by letting them work for their aid.

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8) In the space below, list which government relief agency Ginny suggests to each person from town. Were your suggestions successful at helping each person's situation? What happens to each person at the end of the part?

**Depending on which program you offer and questions you ask at the relief office, you can succeed or fail at helping each citizen. Listed below are the organizations that can successfully help each person.*

Mr. Mitchell: **FERA**

Roberto: **CCC; FERA**

Mrs. Huff: **AAA**

9) What happens on "Black Sunday," and what are some reasons why it may have happened?

Because of over farming and drought, the topsoil in the farms in the panhandle was being blown around as dust. Eventually, on one summer day, a massive dust storm blows through Dalhart.