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The Great Depression

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THE GREAT DEPRESSION 1929-1939

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Video Interviews

The Great Depression Curriculum Interview series, recorded in 2008, is made up of conversations with St. Louis-area residents who lived through the Great Depression. The interviews provide students with first-person accounts of life between 1929 and 1940.

Teachers can get students talking about the videos with [discussion questions](#) (PDF, 36KB) based on the interviews.

RAYMOND AND ANNA MARIE MCINTYRE

Raymond (born in 1923) and Anna Marie (born in 1927) discuss how neighbors and family helped each other during the Depression, entertainment during hard times, their jobs and salaries and transportation options.

The Great Cache: 1929

The Great Depression is all the rage nowadays. The “great recession” of 2007–2009 was rife with comparisons to the 1930s, while the academic debate on what exactly caused the Great Depression continues, with new theories still coming forth (see [greatdepressionsbook.com](#) for more on the latter). These comparisons usually take the form of charts of employment, output and the like, while the academic debate mostly revolves around data and economic theories about what makes an economy grow or decline.

For a more personal take on the Great Depression, you can’t do much better than the St. Louis Fed’s Great Depression Web site. As part of its educational curriculum on the period intended for economics and history teachers, the site naturally includes a good deal on the data and economics. But it also holds a treasure trove of links to audio and video files—news reels, music, photo archives and much more. In perhaps the most personal look of all, the site also features a collection of recently added video interviews with St. Louis-area residents who lived through the depression.

For more, visit [stlouisfed.org/greatdepression](#). Video interviews are at [stlouisfed.org/greatdepression/interviews.html](#).

—Joe Mahon