

CHC 2DI 1930s Newspaper Article/Photo Analysis Unit Summative Assignment



In the memory of living Canadians, nothing like the Great Depression had ever happened before. What was it like? Pictures from this time period give us a glimpse into the social conditions of the 1930s.

# YOUR TASK:

1. Choose a photograph that you feel best illustrates the impact of the Great Depression. You may use photos from books, magazines or the Internet but they must be properly cited.

2. Use the photo to write a fictional newspaper article about the impact of the Great Depression on the person/people in the photograph. Write as if you are a reporter for a Canadian newspaper in the 1930s. Your photo must be incorporated into your newspaper article. You can use Microsoft Word or Publisher or download a digital newspaper template at <a href="http://www.presentationmagazine.com/editable-powerpoint-newspapers-407.htm">http://www.presentationmagazine.com/editable-powerpoint-newspapers-407.htm</a>.

3. Your article must be at least 200-300 words long and must include all of the *Elements of a Newspaper Article* (see over for details)

4. Your article must have a minimum of five (5) paragraphs:

a) A "lead" paragraph that states the five basic W's of the story (who, what, where, when, why)

b) Three detailed paragraphs that add more descriptive information and elaborate on the lead paragraph

c) A conclusion that sums up the article and reinforces the emotion that the writer wants the reader to feel for the person/people in the photo



## Elements of a Newspaper Article

The important information in a newspaper article is highlighted by the following elements:

#### Headline

-catches your eye and sums up the story

### Byline

-tells you who wrote the article and sometimes gives the journalist's specialty, for example, "Science Reporter"

#### Placeline

-tells you where the story originates

Lead -briefly gives you the most important information

#### Body

-supplies additional information -divided into short paragraphs, each introducing a new piece of information

## Facts

-every newspaper article includes simple, true statements about what happened, such as "The flooding set the building's security system off at 5:15 a.m."

# Vivid Language

-journalists use words to create interest and make you feel as if you saw the event yourself

# Quotations

-these retell, word-for-word, what someone actually said, adding accuracy and an "at-the-scene" feeling

# **Evaluation:**

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	Level 4 80-100%	Level 3 70-79%	Level 2 60-69%	Level 1 50-59%	< Level 1 (0-49%)
Historical Content and Accuracy	Article conveys highly accurate historical information	Article conveys mostly accurate historical information	Article conveys some accurate historical information	Article conveys limited accurate historical information	Facts presented in the article are historically inaccurate
Knowledge					
Historical Analysis Thinking/Inquiry	Article shows insightful interpretation and analysis of the topic	Article shows good interpretation and analysis of the topic	Article shows some interpretation and analysis of the topic	Article shows minimal interpretation and analysis of the topic	Article does not adequately interpret and/or analyze the topic
Photograph	The photograph	The photograph	The photograph	The photograph	The photograph
Communication	supports and enhances the newspaper article with a high degree of effectiveness	supports and enhances the newspaper article with a good degree of effectiveness	supports and enhances the newspaper article with some effectiveness	supports and enhances the newspaper article with limited effectiveness	does not support or enhance the newspaper article
Language Conventions <i>Communication</i>	There are few (0- 3) spelling, grammar, and/or punctuation errors	There are some (4-7) spelling, grammar, and/or punctuation errors	There are several (8-11) spelling, grammar, and/or punctuation errors	There are many (12-15) spelling, grammar, and/or punctuation errors	There is an unacceptable number (15+) of spelling, grammar, and/or punctuation errors
Elements of a Newspaper Article Application	Applies and incorporates the elements of a newspaper article with a high degree of effectiveness	Applies and incorporates the elements of a newspaper article with a good degree of effectiveness	Applies and incorporates the elements of a newspaper article with some effectiveness	Applies and incorporates the elements of a newspaper article with limited effectiveness	Does not effectively apply/incorporate the elements of a newspaper article

#### Comments: