Mr. Beckett

New Deal in Champaign County

All students need to answer the following questions. Use the links provided to answer the questions.

**Lesson 4.3 :  Works Progress Administration (WPA)—Rural**

[“Water Works to Modernize Village”](http://www.usd116.org/profdev/ahtc/lessons/SchachtFel09/WPA/Stjosephwatertower.pdf) Champaign-Urbana News Gazette:  Dec 14, 1941

·       How was this $66,000 project paid for?

·       Who would have made the proposal for this project?

·       How could something like “water works” modernize the village of St. Joseph?

·       What impact would water service have on community development?

·       Note the date.  Given the history of the New Deal programs, this is late in the game.  Why would New Deal

programs be slower to reach rural communities?

·       Note the date, again.  What significant event happened a week prior?  What impact would this event have on

the future of the WPA?

[“Community Building Nearly Done”](http://www.usd116.org/profdev/ahtc/lessons/SchachtFel09/WPA/Broadlands%20Community%20Building/schachtcommbldg17may1942NG.jpg) Champaign Urbana News Gazette:  May 17, 1942 ([photo](http://www.usd116.org/profdev/ahtc/lessons/SchachtFel09/WPA/Broadlands%20Community%20Building/schachtcenteractiv17may1942NG.jpg))

·       What impact did the community building in Broadlands have for the people living in the community?

·       How will it impact the students living in the community?

·       Is this a good use of government money?

·       Did the WPA pay for the entire project?

·       Why did FDR always insist that municipal governments match funds for the completion of projects?

·       What former head of the WPA in Champaign County was the chief engineer on this project?

·       Given that we were getting deeper into WWII, are you surprised that “life went on” as usual in terms of these

projects?  What would be the consequences (economic, social and emotional) if it did not?

[“WPA Projects Here Valued Over Million”](http://www.usd116.org/profdev/ahtc/lessons/SchachtFel09/WPA/localprojects1mil02Nov1936c.pdf) Urbana Daily Courier:  Nov 2, 1936

·       $1,275,000 was the “total value (of WPA projects) to the county in worth of work and relief cost avoided”

during the first year of operation.  Why did the WPA add both to figure the value of the projects?

·       Of the 50 projects in operation since the WPA started, how many were completed?

·       Examine the list of Champaign County WPA projects.   Choose five that would make sense to do again today as

part of a new stimulus program.

·       What was the largest job?  Smallest job?

·       What does the article consider a “major feature” of the WPA program in the county?

·       How would projects like these affect life in the county as a whole?

·       How many women were employed by the WPA at the time this article was printed?

·       Why is this number relatively low in comparison to the number of men?

·       Reviewing the list of projects, what types of jobs would you guess were done by women?

·       Would the WPA see its next birthday? (See the last sentence.)

Your row is your number. 1 is away from door, 5 is close to door. Answer the questions corresponding to your number.

**Lesson 4.4:  Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)**

(**1)** “Former Urbana High Youth Declares CCC Is Great Outing and Pleasant Work” Champaign-Urbana News Gazette:  Sept 9, 1933 ([Part I](http://www.usd116.org/profdev/ahtc/lessons/SchachtFel09/CCC/oralhistoryA09Sept1933ng.pdf), [Part II](http://www.usd116.org/profdev/ahtc/lessons/SchachtFel09/CCC/oralhistoryB09Sept1933ng.pdf))

·       What role does H. Bernard Baker have at his camp?  What advantages does this give him?

·       What comments does he make about his experiences in nature?

·       What are some of the activities that the boys do to pass leisure time?

·       Where does his pay check go?

·       Did all of the boys have the same experience in the CCC?

·       How would you summarize his experiences?

·       Why is it important that this young man earn a salary?

·       What impact would accounts like this have on enrollments in the CCC?

·       Does it make you want to join?

**(2)**[“Applications for CCC Camp Work Will Be Accepted”](http://www.usd116.org/profdev/ahtc/lessons/SchachtFel09/CCC/applications28Sept1934di.pdf) Daily Illini Sep 28, 1934 (pg. 2)

·       What two people, in what offices, are responsible for filling the county allotment for the CCC?

·       What is the limit for applications per county?  Why do you suppose they had such a limit?

·       What are the prerequisites for applicants?  Why do you think each was important?

·       Why would this article be of special interest to the readers of this particular periodical?

·       Do you think that college students today would be interested in such a program?

**(3)**[“CCC Costs Found to Total $443,000,000 for giving work to 850,000 Men During Year”](http://www.usd116.org/profdev/ahtc/lessons/SchachtFel09/CCC/Nationaltotals30Sept1934di.pdf) Daily Illini:  Sep. 30, 1934 (pg. 11)

·       How many men worked for the CCC in 1934?  At what expense?

·       What three monetary costs combine to make up the total amount?

·       What additional benefits are there to this program?

·       Did the CCC benefit certain states more than others?  What does (doesn’t) the article say?

·       The quote from Robert Fechner in the second to last paragraph indicates what about the state of the economy?

·       Summarize what the last paragraph says about the impact of the CCC.

**(4)** [“Would Militarize CCC”](http://www.usd116.org/profdev/ahtc/lessons/SchachtFel09/CCC/edmilitarize01aug1936c.pdf) Urbana Daily Courier:  Aug 1, 1936

·       What does the first paragraph of this editorial say would be the two benefits of military training in CCC camps?

·       Why would CCC workers be susceptible to influence by communistic ideas?

·       Given the year of the article, why would militarization of our young men be a pressing issue?

·       According to the author, why is the CCC “least vulnerable to criticism”?

·       Summarize the intent of this editorial.

·       Do you agree with the author’s arguments?

·       Do these arguments carry weight today given the weight on our military by wars abroad?

**(5)**[“Danville Area Named Kickapoo State Park”](http://www.usd116.org/profdev/ahtc/lessons/SchachtFel09/CCC/kickapoo13Oct1939c.pdf) Urbana Daily Courier:  Aug 13, 1939

·       Why was Kickapoo State Park given its name?

·       Where is and how big is Kickapoo State Park?

·       From where did the 200 workers transfer?

·       What jobs would these young men do in the new park site?

·       From which two sources did money for the camp come?

·       Recently Kickapoo State Park barely survived a budget cut in Springfield.  Only after the protests of many angry citizens did it remain open.  Given the huge budget deficits facing our state and our country, why is it important that such a park remain open?