

Students will understand some of the context of *Of Mice and Men* and will be able to apply this knowledge to the text
Literature AO4

The Great Depression and the Dustbowl

As you watch the DVD, listen carefully to what the expert has to say about the context of *Of Mice and Men*. Take notes as you watch. At the end, you will have a couple of minutes to confer with a partner to share ideas.

1. What was the Great Depression?

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2. What is the dustbowl?

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3. How does the dustbowl link with the Great Depression?

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4. How do the ideas you've just heard about link with *Of Mice and Men* so far?

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