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"This Great Nation Will Endure": Photographs of the Great Depression

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum



Dorothea Lange, September 1939.

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Thumbnails: FSA Photographs

This curriculum guide contains a complete class set of FSA photographs. So that students may draw their own conclusions about the meaning and significance of the images, we have deliberately not identified the place, date, subject or photographer on the student copies. These thumbnails provide that information and can be shared with the students at the teacher's discretion.



Arthur Rothstein

Farmers at auction, Zimmerman farm near Hastings, Nebraska.
March 1940



Arthur Rothstein

Father and Sons Walking in the Face of a Dust Storm.
April 1936



Russell Lee

Tent home of family living in a community camp, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
July 1939



Russell Lee

Christmas dinner in the home of Earl Pauley near Smithfield, Iowa.
Dinner consisted of potatoes, cabbage and pie.
December 1936



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Russell Lee

Transient Mexican worker's family from Texas. East Grand Forks, Minnesota.

September 1937



Dorothea Lange

Dust Bowl farm, Coldwater District, north of Dalhart, Texas. This house is occupied; most of the houses in this district have been abandoned.

June 1938



Russell Lee

Daughter and son of [an] agricultural day laborer living near Webbers Falls, Oklahoma. The furnishings of this shack were meager and broken and filthy. Muskogee County, Oklahoma.

June 1939



Dorothea Lange

Mexican migrant woman harvesting tomatoes, Santa Clara Valley, California.

November 1938



Dorothea Lange

Family who traveled by freight train, Toppenish, Yakima Valley, Washington.

August 1939



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Dorothea Lange

*Toward Los Angeles, California.
March 1937*



Dorothea Lange

*Unemployment benefits aid begins. Line of men inside a division office of the State Employment Service office at San Francisco, California, waiting to register for benefits on one of the first days the office was open.
January 1938*



Dorothea Lange

*Migrant Mother.
February 1936*



Russell Lee

*Labor contractor's crew picking peas, Nampa, Idaho.
June 1941*



Dorothea Lange

*Migrant workers' camp, outskirts of Marysville, California. The new migratory camps being built by the Resettlement Administration will remove people from unsatisfactory living conditions such as these and substitute at least the minimum of comfort and sanitation.
April 1935*



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Ben Shahn

A destitute family, Ozark Mountains area, Arkansas.

October 1935



Ben Shahn

Untitled [Pulaski County, Arkansas].

October 1935



Arthur Rothstein

Picking beans, Belle Glade, Florida.

January 1937



Edwin Rosskam

Sugar workers taking a drink of water on a plantation, Ponce (vicinity), Puerto Rico.

January 1938



Edwin Rosskam

Funeral of a child, Ponce, Puerto Rico.

January 1938



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Tenant farmer moving his household goods to a new farm, Hamilton County, Tennessee.
1937



Arthur Rothstein

State highway officials moving evicted sharecroppers away from roadside to area between the levee and the Mississippi River, New Madrid County, Missouri.
January 1939



Marion Post Wolcott

Child of migratory packinghouse workers, Belle Glade, Florida.
February 1939



Dorothea Lange

Cotton sharecroppers, Greene County, Georgia. They produce little, sell little, buy little.
June 1937



Walker Evans

Houses, Atlanta Georgia.
March 1936



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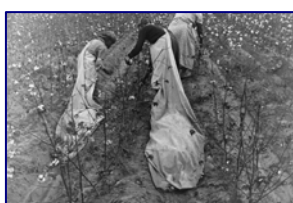
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Marion Post Wolcott

Children and old home on badly eroded land near Wadesboro, North Carolina.

December 1938



Ben Shahn

Cotton pickers, Pulaski County, Arkansas.

October 1935



Marion Post Wolcott

Children in the bedroom of their home, Charleston, West Virginia. Their mother has tuberculosis.

September 1938



Arthur Rothstein

Homes of oyster packinghouse workers, Shellpile, New Jersey.

October 1938



Russell Lee

Unemployed workers in front of a shack with Christmas tree, East 12th Street, New York, New York.

January 1938



Ben Shahn

Young boy who salvages coal from the slag heaps, Nanty Glo, Pennsylvania.

1937



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House in an African American section of Chicago.

April 1941



Ben Shahn

Family on relief near Urbana, Ohio.

April 1938



Arthur Rothstein

Employment agency, Sixth Avenue, New York, New York.

December 1937



Arthur Rothstein

Girl picker at cranberry bog, Burlington County, New Jersey. Three-fourths of the cranberry pickers are children.

October 1938



John Vachon

Untitled [Migrant fruit workers from Arkansas in Berrien County, Michigan].

July 1940