

Indiana Farm Security Photographs



Using Music

There are many songs associated with the Great Depression, such as *Easy Street*, *Brother, Can You Spare a Dime*, *We Don't Have to Sell the Farm*, *Come Home Prosperity*, *Remember My Forgotten Man*, *Let's Have Another Cup of Coffee*, *Marching Along Together*. Students can look for the lyrics of popular songs of the Great Depression and see if they can put some photographs to match the lyrics. One possibility would be to use songs that Woody Guthrie made popular. Or if students want to be more contemporary they can see if there are photos that would be appropriate for some songs written by John Mellencamp as many of his songs are about small town and rural America. Students can search the Internet for the lyrics to songs from the Great Depression. A good introduction online is *Manufacturing Memories: American Popular Music in the 1930's* at <http://xroads.virginia.edu/~ug03/jukebox/front.html>.