

Using Newspapers

There are many articles in the *New York Times* about the work of the Farm Security Administration. There are two *New York Times* articles students can read about FSA homestead projects, similar to the Decatur Homesteads in Indiana. These are: "Government Testing Value of Subsistence Homesteads." By M. L. Wilson, Feb. 11, 1934 and "FSA Winding up Its Homestead Program; Built 11,800 Farm Dwellings as 'Models'." By Lee E. Cooper, March 19, 1939. Ask students to do research on Indiana in the Great Depression by using local Indiana newspapers. They can write a report about a city, town or county in Indiana using the local newspapers. The report can relate what life and conditions were like during the Great Depression in that city, town or county. Ask them to select FSA photographs taken in Indiana that would help bring their reports to life.