

Business & Brunswick School Department
Computer Science Dynamics of the Stock Market
Where Did All the Money Go? The Great Depression Mystery

Essential Understandings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ During the 1920s, the United States enjoyed prosperity. ▪ The affluence of the Roaring Twenties began to evaporate in 1929. ▪ By 1932, twelve million people were out of work.
Essential Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why did the American economy go from unprecedented economic growth in the 1920s to unprecedented misery in the 1930s? ▪ What groups were most negatively affected? ▪ What was the trend in unemployment? ▪ What events might explain government spending patterns in the 1920s?
Essential Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The lower the unemployment rate, the higher the level of income; when unemployment increases, total income drops. ▪ Total demand for food decreased while the supply remained relatively stable, causing food prices to fall and farm income to become lower than everyone else's. ▪ Jobs related to the production of public goods and services declined. ▪ Low prices forced businesses to close.
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Terms:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Depression, income, multiplier, money supply, federal reserve, savings, public debt
Essential Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify conditions in the economy during the period 1920-1933 that led to the Great Depression. ▪ Analyze the relationship between increases and decreases in employment and consumer spending. ▪ Trace the ripple effect in the economy that occurs when workers lose jobs.
Related Maine Learning Results	
Sample Lessons And Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Read "How Did the Great Depression Happen?" Gather clues using the internet to investigate the mystery using a series of clue sheets.
Sample Classroom Assessment Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Teacher generated quiz
Sample Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Other Materials:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stock Market Simulation