

## ACTIVITY!

## Inquire &amp; Investigate



## VOCAB LAB



Write down what you think each word means:

**economic depression, affluence, prosperity, turbulent, foreclose, stock market, unemployment, and commerce.**

Compare your definitions with those of your friends or classmates. Did you all come up with the same meanings? Turn to the text and glossary if you need help.

## COMPARE THE DECADES

In 2008, a recession took place in the United States that seemed to echo the Great Depression of the 1930s. Called the Great Recession, it was a time when unemployment spiked in 2008 and 2009 and many people lost their homes. How was this recession similar to the Great Depression?

- **Read this article comparing the Great Recession of 2008 to the Great Depression of the 1930s.** What is similar? What is different?
- **Create a chart comparing the Great Depression with the 2008 recession.** Look at indicators such as the stock market, unemployment, housing foreclosures, bank failures and bailouts, and government reactions and programs.
- **Do you think the Great Depression could happen again in your lifetime?** Why or why not? Create another chart showing how the current decade is different or similar to the 1930s.



Forbes  
depression  
compare  
recession

To investigate more, create a Venn diagram to show what was similar about the United States before the Great Depression and the Great Recession. Venn diagrams are made of characteristics written in circles that overlap. In the overlapping section write the things about the country that were similar. In the sections that don't overlap, write the things that were different.