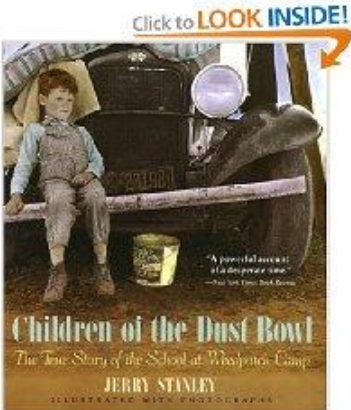




Book Backdrops: Connecting Literature and Primary Sources

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<p style="text-align: center;">Cover Image</p> 	<p>Title: Stanley, Jerry. Children of the Dust Bowl Illustrated with Photographs. NY: Crown Publishers, c1992. ISBN: 0-517-88094-6</p> <p>Summary: The Depression and the drought forced Oklahoma families to migrate to California. Unfortunately the Californians did not like the Oakies and did not want the children in "their" schools. Leo Hart decided to help the children build their own school. This is the story of the creation of "Weedpatch School".</p> <p>Setting: Oakie farm camp, "Weedpatch Camp" in CA.</p> <p>Subjects: Oakies, migrants, drought, Dust Bowl, depression era, California, prejudice, Farm Labor Camps and school and hope.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Primary Source Thumbnail</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Library of Congress Bibliographic Information and Book Notes</p>
	<p>Title: Soil blown by "dust bowl" winds piled up in large drifts near Liberal, Kansas</p> <p>Collection: America from the Great Depression to World War II: Photographs from the FSA-OWI, 1935-1945_(Library of Congress)</p> <p>URL: http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/fsa.8b27287</p> <p>Book Notes: Shows the amount of dirt & devastation during the drought. How barren the landscape.</p>
 <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 5px;">More Oklahomans reach Calif via the cotton fields of Ariz.</p>	<p>Title: Oklahoma dust bowl refugees. San Fernando, California.</p> <p>Collection: America from the Great Depression to World War II: Photographs from the FSA-OWI, 1935-1945 (Library of Congress)</p> <p>URL: http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/fsa.8b27316</p> <p>Book Notes: Entire families packed up everything they owned and moved to CA. Dortha Lange was the photographer!</p>



Title: "Cleanliness." Southern California. Oklahoma refugees camping in Imperial Valley, California

Collection: America from the Great Depression to World War II: Photographs from the FSA-OWI, 1935-1945_(Library of Congress)

URL: <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/fsa.8b27045>

Book Notes: Shows the horrible conditions the migrants faced in CA. Child hit the worst-covered in flies.