







Book Backdrops:  
Connecting Literature and Primary Sources

<p>Cover Image</p> 	<p><b>Title:</b> The Grapes of Wrath</p> <p><b>Author:</b> John Steinbeck</p> <p><b>Grade Level(s):</b> 9 and up</p> <p><b>Topic/Theme:</b> Oklahoma tenant farmers travel to California in search of work after losing their land in the Dust Bowl during the Great Depression.</p>	<p><b>Book Type:</b> Historical Fiction</p> <p><b>Setting and Time Period:</b> 1930s Oklahoma California</p> <p><b>Subjects:</b> The Great Depression Dust Bowl migrant workers homelessness</p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> [John Steinbeck, head-and-shoulders portrait, facing front]</p> <p><b>Date Created/Published:</b> 1966 New York World-Telegram &amp; Sun Collection. United Press International photo</p> <p><b>Book Notes:</b> John Steinbeck is the author of the book.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/94509805/">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/94509805/</a></p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Abandoned farm in the dust bowl area. Oklahoma</p> <p><b>Creator(s):</b> <a href="#">Rothstein, Arthur, 1915-1985</a>, photographer</p> <p><b>Date Created/Published:</b> 1936 Apr.</p> <p><b>Book Notes:</b> The first four pictures depict the hardships in Oklahoma during the Dust Bowl.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/fsa1998018995/PP/">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/fsa1998018995/PP/</a></p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> One of the pioneer women of the Oklahoma Panhandle dust bowl</p> <p><b>Creator(s):</b> <a href="#">Rothstein, Arthur, 1915-1985</a>, photographer</p> <p><b>Date Created/Published:</b> 1936 Apr.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/fsa1998018967/PP/">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/fsa1998018967/PP/</a></p>



	<p><b>Title:</b> Son of farmer in dust bowl area. Cimarron County, Oklahoma  <b>Creator(s):</b> <a href="#">Rothstein, Arthur, 1915-1985</a>, photographer  <b>Date Created/Published:</b> 1936 Apr.</p> <p><b>Book Notes:</b> Current events connection can be made to dust storms in Arizona during the summer of 2011. Although these dust storms hit a more metropolitan area, comparisons and observations can be discussed.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/fsa1998018978/PP/">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/fsa1998018978/PP/</a></p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Dust bowl farmer raising fence to keep it from being buried under drifting sand. Cimarron County, Oklahoma  <b>Creator(s):</b> <a href="#">Rothstein, Arthur, 1915-1985</a>, photographer  <b>Date Created/Published:</b> 1936 Apr.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/fsa1998018982/PP/">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/fsa1998018982/PP/</a></p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Oklahoma dust bowl refugees. San Fernando, California  <b>Creator(s):</b> <a href="#">Lange, Dorothea</a>, photographer  <b>Date Created/Published:</b> 1935 June.</p> <p><b>Book Notes:</b> The next eight pictures depict what the displaced farmers and their families had to endure once they arrived in California.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/fsa1998018535/PP/">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/fsa1998018535/PP/</a></p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Along the highway near Bakersfield, California. Dust bowl refugees  <b>Creator(s):</b> <a href="#">Lange, Dorothea</a>, photographer  <b>Date Created/Published:</b> 1935 Nov.</p> <p><b>Book Notes:</b> Discussion on the homeless, then and now.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/fsa1998017873/PP/">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/fsa1998017873/PP/</a></p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Home of a dust bowl refugee in California. Imperial County  <b>Creator(s):</b> <a href="#">Lange, Dorothea</a>, photographer  <b>Date Created/Published:</b> 1937 Mar.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/fsa2000000920/PP/">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/fsa2000000920/PP/</a></p>



	<p><b>Title:</b> Dust bowl refugee from Chickasaw, Oklahoma. Imperial Valley, California. "Black Sunday, 1934, that was the awfullest dust we ever did see <b>Creator(s):</b> Lange, Dorothea, photographer <b>Date Created/Published:</b> 1937 Mar.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/fsa2000000945/PP/">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/fsa2000000945/PP/</a></p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Dust bowl refugee in California. "We was starved out and we live on perhaps. We could maybe find a little work if we could afford to roll" <b>Creator(s):</b> Lange, Dorothea, photographer <b>Date Created/Published:</b> 1936 Feb.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/fsa1998018193/PP/">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/fsa1998018193/PP/</a></p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Auto camp north of Calipatria, California. Approximately eighty families from the Dust Bowl are camped here. They pay fifty cents a week. The only available work now is agricultural labor <b>Creator(s):</b> Lange, Dorothea, photographer <b>Date Created/Published:</b> 1937 Mar.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/fsa2000000916/PP/">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/fsa2000000916/PP/</a></p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Squatters along highway near Bakersfield, California. Penniless refugees from dust bowl. Twenty-two in family, thirty-nine evictions, now encamped near Bakersfield without shelter, without water and looking for work in the cotton <b>Creator(s):</b> Lange, Dorothea, photographer <b>Date Created/Published:</b> 1935 Nov.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/fsa1998017871/PP/">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/fsa1998017871/PP/</a></p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Destitute pea pickers in California. Mother of seven children. Age thirty-two. Nipomo, California <b>Other Title:</b> Migrant mother. <b>Creator(s):</b> Lange, Dorothea, photographer <b>Date Created/Published:</b> 1936 Feb. or Mar</p> <p><b>Book Notes:</b> This is probably one of the most recognized photographs of the time period.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/fsa1998021539/PP/">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/fsa1998021539/PP/</a></p>

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