

TEACHER'S GUIDE

Review Questions

Part 5: California or Dust

MISSION 5: "Up from the Dust"

A NOTE TO THE EDUCATOR:

The purpose of these questions is to check the students' understanding of the action of the game and the history embedded in that action. Since the outcome of gameplay can vary depending on the choices the student makes, the answers to the questions may also vary.

Some students might learn information from the game later than others, or not at all. If you choose to discuss responses as a whole group, information can be shared among all your students.

There may be more questions here than you want your students to answer in one sitting or in one evening. In that case, choose the questions you feel are most essential for their understanding of Part 5.

Feel free to copy the following pages of this activity for your students.

If you are not planning to have your students write the answers to the questions, you'll need to modify the directions.



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Name: _____

Date: _____

Directions: After you play Part 5, read and answer these questions from the point of view of your characters, Ginny and Frank Dunn. You may not know all the answers, so do the best you can. Write in complete sentences and proofread your work.

1) At the beginning of this part, Frank learns that his camp for the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) is getting shut down, and the workers will be relocated to different camps. Where are these camps? What type of work is done at each location?

There are two camps Frank and his colleagues could be sent to, in either Kansas or Tahoe, California. The camp in Kansas focuses on soil conservation to deal with the Dust Bowl crisis. In Tahoe, CCC workers plant trees and build fire trails.

2) What is the daily schedule like for workers at Frank's camp?

Workers have reveille at 6am, then work until 4pm. They have free time in the evening before a hard lights out at 10pm.

3) What does "CO" stand for? What is that person's role in the CCC?

CO is an abbreviation for commanding officer. He is the person in charge of the different groups doing field work in the CCC.

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4) Why does Frank want to win the cabin shingling competition?

<i>If his group wins, Frank thinks the CO will be impressed by their hard work and will let them go to the new CCC camp of their choosing.</i>

5) What does Tony suggest Frank's group should do to win the shingle competition? Do you agree with Tony's idea? Explain how you decided to respond to Tony's suggestion, and why you made the decision you did.

<i>Tony suggests stealing shingles from other groups.</i>

6) While at a dance in town, Frank and Tony notice several local men who had bullied them earlier. You are given several options to handle the selection. In the space below, circle the option you chose and explain the result of your decision.

Walk away: <i>NOTE: Answers depending on players' decisions.</i>
Keep a lookout:
Talk to the locals:
Start a fight:



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7) Why is Ginny heading to California with the Mitchell family?

Ginny has left home to live with Aunt Ruth in Los Angeles. She is considering joining the National Youth Administration, which provides work and education opportunities to youth ages 16 to 25.

8) What happens on Ginny's ride to California with the Mitchells?

The Mitchells' truck breaks down, and they don't have enough money to fix the truck. Ginny goes ahead and sends a telegram to her aunt to wire money for a ticket to California. Along the way, she meets photographer Dorothea Lange. Lange offers to take Ginny to California if she helps her with a job first.

9) What does Dorothea Lange do for the Department of Agriculture?

She is a photographer who documents the working conditions at migrant labor camps.

10) Describe the working conditions you see at the migrant labor camp in Imperial Valley.

Responses will vary based on selections. Players will see field laborers harvesting crops and a shanty building made of discarded wood and mud. Dorothea Lange explains different aspects of their lives, like wages, labor, and ethnicities.

****NOTE: All players see both labor conditions and camp living conditions, but depending on how many questions they ask, they will have more or fewer details about what they see.*

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11) What is the Resettlement Administration? How do farm owners feel about the agency?

The Resettlement Administration is part of the US Department of Agriculture, which focuses on building camps with proper living conditions for migrant workers and their families. Farm owners who have tenants or employ farm workers don't like it because they're worried workers and tenants will demand better living and working conditions