

Up from the Dust Prologue & Part 1

Essential Questions: What are some of the benefits of family farms? What are some of the economic and natural forces that make farming difficult?

Mission Reflection

After completing the Prologue, “The Great Plow-Up,” & Part 1, “Boom to Bust,” review decisions from the **Decision Tracker** and discuss the questions below.

The Family Farm

1. During the farm tour, Frank mentioned the chores that he and Ginny had to complete to help their parents keep the farm running. What were some of the chores Frank and Ginny were expected to complete each day?
2. What factors determined how successful Frank was in running the farm?
3. When Ginny visited Dalhart, TX, she learned how various people in town were experiencing and thinking about the Great Depression. What experiences of hardship did you encounter as Ginny, and what opinions did you hear about the role government played in the crisis?
4. What responsibilities do teenagers have today in helping their families? How is it similar and/or different to Frank and Ginny in the 1930s?