**Essential Question:** What conditions did ordinary Americans face during the early years of the Great Depression, and how did they respond?

## Mission Reflection

In Part 2, “Neighbors in Need,” and Part 3, “Riding the Rails,” people responded to economic hardship in many ways. In the chart below, list some of the specific ways Americans responded to the challenges of the 1930s.

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| **Response to Hardship** | **Examples from the Game**  |
| Neighbors Helping Neighbors |  |
| Demanding Governmental Assistance |  |
| Traveling to Find Work |  |
| Organized Charities |  |

### Hard Times

Which of the strategies for dealing with economic hardship do you think were the most effective in the 1930s and why?

How might people facing economic hardship today cope in similar or different ways?