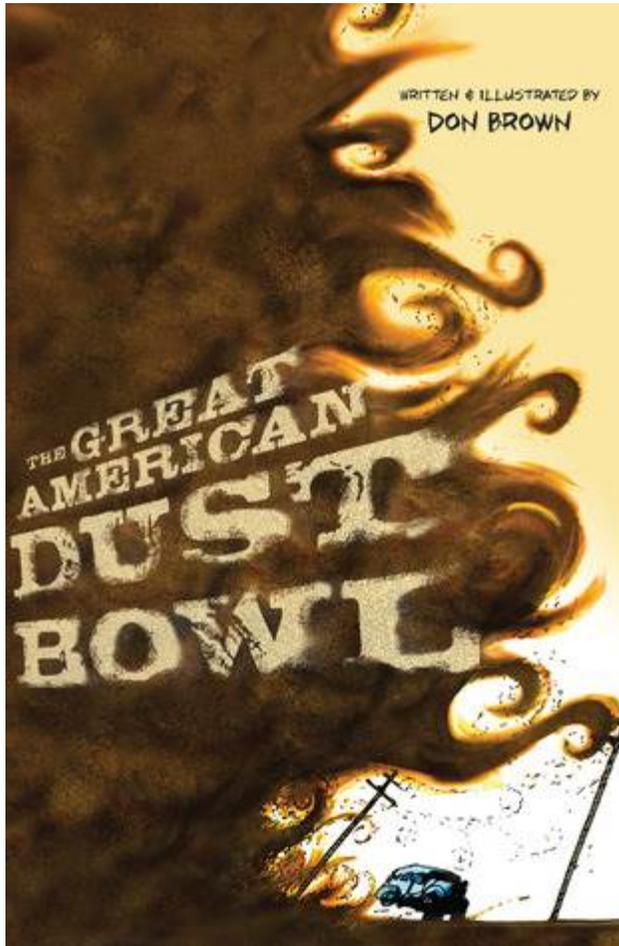


Great American Dust Bowl



The Great American Dustbowl
Written and Illustrated by Don Brown

Publisher: Houghton
Mifflin Harcourt, New
York, 2013

Curriculum Connections: Great Depression (United States),
natural disasters (drought), economics, agriculture.
Features: graphic novel; selected bibliography, source notes.

Description: Provides a "you are there" account of one of the continental United States' most devastating historical events. This book traces the antecedents prior to the onset of the Black Sunday Monster, and its strength lies in the stunning depiction of daily life struggles during the decade-long dust storms.

Following are suggested resources for text-sets targeting the possible curriculum connections above. Summaries found under "Comments" for books are copied from card catalog records and verso pages.

Books:

Author	Title/Publisher	Grade Levels	Comments	ISBN/Publication Date
Coombs, Karen Mueller	<i>Children of the Dust Days</i> Carolrhoda Books, Inc.	4-6	Focuses on the experiences of children during the Dust Bowl era of the 1930s, when prolonged drought, coupled with farming techniques, caused massive erosion from Texas to Canada's wheat fields.	1-57505-360-8 2000
Lassieur, Allison	<i>The Dust Bowl: An Interactive History Adventure</i> Capstone Press	4-6	Contains three story paths which allow the reader to explore the people and events of the U.S. Dust Bowl from the perspectives of a farmer, a migrant worker, and a government photographer. Includes a time line and resources for further study.	978-1-4296-2343-8 2009
Hesse, Karen	<i>Out of the Dust</i> Scholastic Press	4-6	In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.	978-0-590-36080-7 1997

Websites and Online Magazines:

Name of Site	Address	Grade Levels	Comments	Publisher/Creator
Dust Bowl – Facts and Summary	http://www.history.com/topics/dust-bowl	4-6	Includes videos, articles, pictures, and historical features	A & E Television Networks 2014
Wessels Living History Farm, York, Nebraska Farming in	http://www.livinghistoryfarm.org/farminginthe30s/water_02.html	4-6	Survivors recall what life was like during the Dust Bowl during interview segments. Links entitled "Making Money," "Machines," "Crops," "Water," "Pests and	Bill Ganzel Ganzel Group Communications 2003

the 1930s			Weeds,” “Farm Life,” and “World Events” provided for further exploration.	
Interactive Dust Bowl	http://www.pbs.org/kenburns/dustbowl/interactive/	4-6	Provides scenarios to show what life was like during the Dust Bowl and opportunities to make decisions on next steps to take for your family to survive.	PBS, WETA (Washington, DC), and The Dust Bowl Film Project 2012