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Social Studies 8

The Great Depression: Children Turn to Eleanor Roosevelt for help

During the Great Depression unemployment rose rapidly. Families could barely pay the bill. Children even went without food, clothes, and other necessities. Many children turned to the First Lady, Eleanor Roosevelt for help. In this assignment, you will read the letters young children of various ages wrote to Mrs. Roosevelt. As you read the letters, imagine what it would feel like to be a child affected by the Great Depression.

Part I Reading the Letters

- Directions:
1. Log on to the internet
 2. Go to: newdeal.feri.org/eleanor/index.htm
 3. Double-click "How the Depression Affected Children" and read the information provided
 4. Double-click "The Letters"
 5. Read at least one letter from every category (money, luxuries, clothes and bicycles)
 6. Answer the questions below in **complete sentences.**

1. List at least four ways the Great Depression affected children. **(15 Points)**

A.

B.

C.

D.

2. How did children try to convince Mrs. Roosevelt to help them? Include examples of phrases from the letters that would encourage someone to help the children. **(15 Points)**

