

# AMERICAN HISTORY

## THE GREAT DEPRESSION

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### The Bonus Army

- Who made up the “Bonus Army”?
- Why was it called the “Bonus Army”?
- What did they want?
- How did President Hoover (and his military commander in charge) handle the Bonus Army?
- How did this event help ensure that Franklin D. Roosevelt would win the election of 1932?

### Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?

– As sung by Bing Crosby

*As you listen to the song, read the lyrics.*

*Who does the singer refer to when he says “I”?*

*What sorts of things did “he” do? What comparisons can you make to what we have already studied?*

*How would you describe the “mood” of the song? How does it make you feel?*



They used to tell me I was building a dream  
And so I followed the mob  
When there was earth to plow or guns to bear  
I was always there, right on the job

They used to tell me I was building a dream  
With peace and glory ahead  
Why should I be standing in line  
Just waiting for bread?

Once I built a railroad, I made it run  
Made it race against time

Once I built a railroad, now it's done  
Brother, can you spare a dime?

Once I built a tower up to the sun  
Brick and rivet and lime  
Once I built a tower, now it's done  
Brother, can you spare a dime?



Once in khaki suits, gee, we looked swell  
Full of that Yankee Doodly Dum  
Half a million boots went slogging through Hell  
And I was the kid with the drum

Say, don't you remember? They called me 'Al'  
It was 'Al' all the time  
Why don't you remember? I'm your pal  
Say buddy, can you spare a dime?

Once in khaki suits, ah, gee, we looked swell  
Full of that Yankee Doodly Dum  
Half a million boots went slogging through Hell  
And I was the kid with the drum

Oh, say, don't you remember? They called me  
'Al'  
It was 'Al' all the time  
Say, don't you remember? I'm your pal  
Buddy, can you spare a dime?



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## PERSONAL STORIES

As you watch the documentary, jot down a list of ten personal challenges/hardships that people described about their experience living through the Great Depression.

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In general, life for many Americans who lived through the Great Depression was...