

Workshop 3: Bud, Not Buddy**Quick Project****A Day in the Life**

During the Great Depression, many Americans struggled to survive.

Project: It's 1930, and you and your family have been riding the rails looking for work. Write a journal entry describing your day.

Procedure

1. Brainstorm ideas. First, decide who you're going to be: A child? Teenager? Head of a family? Then, imagine your life in the Depression. These questions can help you get started.

- What did you eat today? Where did you get it?
- Where did you sleep?
- Did you or someone close to you look for work?
- What are you most hoping or wishing for?
- Add some questions of your own.

2. Write. In real life, you don't have to organize a journal entry—you can just start writing! But for this project, include at least one sentence about each of the following:

- Tell something you did.
- Describe something you saw.
- Explain a feeling that you had.

Remember to put a date on your journal entry: month, day, and year—1930!

3. Get feedback. Exchange papers with someone else doing this project. Give each other feedback. Make changes and then write a clean copy.

4. Present your work. Find photographs of the Depression on the Internet, in books, or in magazines. Display them in the classroom to set the mood. Then read your entry aloud to the class or group.