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# What's the Big Idea?

**How well do you understand what you've just read?  
Test yourself with these reading-comprehension questions.**

**1. What is the purpose of the prologue for the play?**

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**2. What is the first scene of the play mainly about?**

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**3. Which detail(s) in the play show(s) how poorer Americans fared during the Great Depression?**

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**4. During the Great Depression, shantytowns nicknamed Hoovervilles sprang up across the country. Why were these communities of homeless families called Hoovervilles?**

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**5. Write a short summary of the play.**

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