US HISTORY

LIFE DURING THE DEPRESSION

Directions: Use the following website to find the information. (Worth 20 Points)

Go to <http://www.thepeoplehistory.com/1930s.html>

HOME:

1. How much buying power would $100 have in today’s money?
2. How did the average income differ from the start and end of the decade? Why do you think it changed?
3. What happened in the following years related to the list below?

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| 1930 - Tariffs |  |
| 1931 – Star Spangled Banner |  |
| 1932 – Amelia Earhart |  |
| 1933 – Prohibition |  |
| 1934 – Donald Duck |  |
| 1935 – Hoover Dam |  |
| 1936 – Jesse Owens |  |
| 1937 – The Hindenburg |  |
| 1938 – Superman |  |
| 1939 – Germany |  |

HOUSE PRICES:

1. Which house listed on the right hand side would you purchase during the 1930s? Where was it located and why would you choose that one?

TOYS:

1. You are going to the birthday party of a younger person (family, friend), what gift would you bring for a boy? For a girl?
2. Are there any toys listed on the page that are still popular today?
3. Is there a toy that stands out as one **not** being around today?

CLOTHES:

1. Under the section titled, what people wore back in 1930, what part of clothing became widely used and replaced buttons?

CARS:

1. Since money was tight during the 1930’s, what car do you think might have been the most popular? Why?
2. If money was not an issue for your during the Great Depression, what car would you have bought? Why?

FOOD:

1. The state of New York is supporting your family with $2.39 per week. Your job is to budget meals for a family of four for the week using only the $2.39, what would you buy?

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| MONDAY | B:L:D: |
| TUESDAY | B:L:D: |
| WEDNESDAY | B:L:D: |
| THURSDAY | B:L:D: |
| FRIDAY | B:L:D: |
| SATURDAY | B:L:D: |
| SUNDAY | B:L:D: |