

Florida Through Change

Trace causes and effects from the 1920s through World War II.

SS.4.A.7 "Roaring 20's, the Great Depression, and World War II in Florida"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB In each paragraph, underline one cause and circle one effect. Number the paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 to show the order of these changes in Florida.

Three Times of Change

- ① In the 1920s, Florida drew visitors and new residents with warm weather, beaches, and land for sale. Developers advertised lots, and many people borrowed money to buy property. This land boom created construction jobs and busy towns. By 1926, storms, rising costs, and too many unsold lots helped end the boom. Some banks and buyers lost money before the national economy crashed.
- ② When the Great Depression began in 1929, many Florida families had little money for food, homes, or travel. Tourism fell, businesses closed, and workers lost jobs. Farmers also struggled because crop prices dropped. During the 1930s, New Deal programs gave some people work building roads, parks, and public buildings. These projects helped communities, but hardship continued for many families.
- ③ World War II changed Florida again after the United States entered the war in 1941. Military bases trained soldiers, sailors, and pilots across the state. Factories and shipyards made supplies, while farms sent food to troops. Many women took jobs that supported the war effort. The military brought workers and families to Florida, increasing the population of some communities. After the war, veterans and other newcomers continued moving to the state.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What three problems helped end Florida's land boom by 1926?

2 How did the Great Depression affect Florida workers and businesses?

3 What did New Deal programs help some Floridians do during the 1930s?

4 Give two ways World War II changed life in Florida.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a three-sentence radio news report about one period in the passage. Tell what changed in Florida, what caused the change, and how the change affected people.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

In each paragraph, underline one cause and circle one effect. Number the paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 to show the order of these changes in Florida. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What three problems helped end Florida's land boom by 1926?	Storms, rising costs, and too many unsold lots helped end the land boom.
2	How did the Great Depression affect Florida workers and businesses?	Businesses closed, tourism fell, and workers lost jobs.
3	What did New Deal programs help some Floridians do during the 1930s?	They gave some people work building roads, parks, and public buildings.
4	Give two ways World War II changed life in Florida.	Answers include military bases training service members, factories and shipyards making supplies, farms sending food to troops, women taking war-support jobs, and population growth in some communities.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

This is Florida News during World War II. Military bases and war jobs brought workers and families to the state. Some Florida communities grew as more people moved there.

Accept equivalent cause-and-effect statements supported by the passage. For the radio report, check that the student names one historical period, a cause, a Florida change, and an effect on people.