

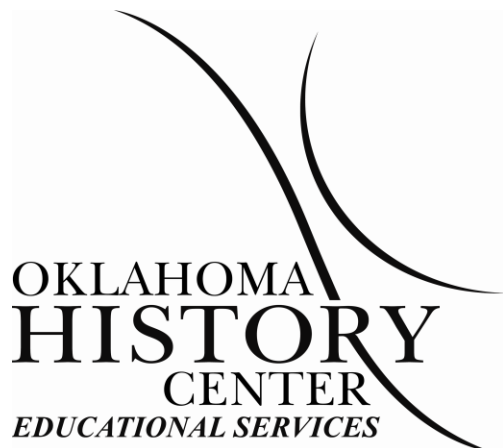
Dust Bowl

The Dust Bowl program is an interpretive living history program providing information and analysis on the day to day life of an Oklahoman during the 1930s through first person interpretation. With narrative and audience questions, this program allows students to discover life during the Great Depression. The Oklahoma History Center offers both male and female perspectives.



Philosophy

Living History is a tool used by historians to engage the public and inspire them through entertaining interactions to investigate the past. It allows the audience to experience history by transcending from a two-dimensional book to a three-dimensional character. If done well, it enables the public to suspend belief and travel in time through their mind's eye to a point in the past and give them a glimpse of what life was like. Used in a teaching setting, living history allows the student to inquire about life of a time past. It allows the Visual, Sensory, and Auditory learners access to the past in a way no other medium in teaching can match. Living History makes history personal to the student, and they will long remember the experience.



The Dust Bowl program is designed to meet the following PASS Skills and others:

- Build connections with social studies content and help students develop an understanding of human history.
- Describe major events of Oklahoma's past, such as settlements by Native Americans, cattle drives, land runs, statehood, and the discovery of oil.
- Apply the concepts of scale, orientation, latitude and longitude, and physical regions.
- Construct timelines of events in the development of the regions of the United States.
- Compare and contrast the vegetation, climate, and spatial distribution of natural resources of the regions.
- Explain how people are influenced by, adapt to, and alter their environment, including agricultural efforts, housing, occupations, industries, transportation, and communication.
- Describe the development of economic specialization in each region of the United States, including examples of interdependence among regions and connections to trade.
- Identify and evaluate the relationship between the geography of Oklahoma and its historical development.
- Analyze the impact of the Dust Bowl on Oklahoma History.

The Oklahoma History Center offers a number of educational opportunities including field trips, living history characters, hands-on trunks, and instructive classes.

For more information on other trunks and educational programs contact the Oklahoma History Center at 405-522-5248 or visit our website at www.okhistorycenter.org.