

Early Twentieth Century

Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- the causes of World War I and how the United States became involved
- about the stock market crash, the Great Depression, and the New Deal

Here are some ways that you can help your child learn:

Talk About It

Chapter 9: A New Role for America

Shortcut The building of the Panama Canal provided a shortcut for people sailing from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. What shortcuts do you know about? Discuss with your child any shortcuts in your neighborhood or “secret” roads you take to get someplace.

Chapter 10: The 1920s and 1930s

The trouble with money The Great Depression was hard on many Americans. Discuss with your child the difference between products that people need and products that people want. Then ask what businesses would be most likely to survive if there was another depression.

Make It

New styles During the 1920s, many new styles of music, clothes, and literature became fashionable. What new styles are being created right now? Encourage your child to make a list of new styles.

Read to Learn More About It

Dorothea Lange, by Robyn Montana Turner. The black-and-white photographs by Dorothea Lange focused on the suffering people experienced during the Depression.

Hard Times, by Nancy Antle. How the Great Depression affects one family in Oklahoma.

The Harlem Renaissance, by James Haskins. Haskins introduces the African American men and women of literature, painting, sculpture, and music who were part of the cultural period called the Harlem Renaissance.

**Technology**

Check out

www.eduplace.com/parents/hmss05/
for more information.