

Question-Understand-Experiment-Share-Think

Week of November 21, 2011



I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a relaxing break!

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY?

Social Studies:

Students will look at the government's reaction to the Great Depression and any reform movements that were put in place in the 1930s. Herbert Hoover and Franklin D. Roosevelt were the presidents in charge of getting the country back on track during the depression era. The two presidents had different approaches to the crisis and the public had very different reactions to each man's plans. We will look at the reform movements, the reaction of the public, and the effect and legacy of each president through analysis of primary source documents.* Then, students will write an essay entitled "If I were the President". In the essay, students will pretend that they are the president during the Great Depression. What reform movements would you put in place? How would you help the people living in poverty? How would you feel about your role as president during such a difficult time?

**FDR will be introduced this week, but will be studied in further detail in the future. Details regarding the New Deal will be studied in a few weeks.*

ELA:

In order to learn some of the new vocabulary words that are in our reading, the students will work with a partner to create a "vocabulary card". The cards will be hung in the room as a reference and will include the word, definition, and picture to help others learn the meaning of the word. We will try to use the new vocabulary in our everyday speech in order to become more familiar with it.

Note: I do not have Thursday or Friday class this week, due to Thanksgiving break. The students in those classes will catch up on the work listed above next week.