

## Video: The Appalachians

This video examines the issues that have faced the people of the Appalachian region of the United States.

### Questions to consider as you watch the video:

1. Did the Great Depression begin in Appalachia before, after, or at the same time as the rest of the country? What things happened in Appalachia to bring on the Depression in the region? What was it like in Appalachia at the beginning of the Depression?

2. What did Franklin Roosevelt do that the video said spread hope through Appalachia? Among the specifics mentioned in the video that you should consider are the Civilian Conservation Corps, the Works Progress Administration, and the Tennessee Valley Administration (the video has some things to say about the TVA in particular). Make sure to note what each of these organizations did.

3. How were electricity and religion interlinked in Appalachia?

4. How did World War 2 impact Appalachia? The video lists several changes, both good and bad, that occurred with the start and the end of the war.

5. What impact did migration have on Appalachia and its people? What happened to the people who migrated?

6. What new method of mining did coal companies develop in the 1950s? How did this method impact the region? What do the people in video say about the method?

7. What happened when politicians started paying attention to the region in the 1960s?

8. How did people in the region view the continued dam work of the Army Corps of Engineers?

9. What was “mountain top removal” all about? What happened once the mountain tops were removed?

10. How is coal both a “blessing and a curse”?