Teacher Notes

Causes of the Great Depression

Activity 3
Assessing the Causes of the Great Depression

Activity at a Glance

- **Subject:** Social Studies
- **Subject Area:** U. S. History
- **Category:** Great Depression
- **Topic:** Great Depression
- **Grade Level:** 9 - 11
- **Prerequisites:** Students should be familiar with the economy of the twenties to show the changes that led to the Great Depression.
- **Total Teaching Time:** 30 minutes

Materials

- TI-83 Plus
- TI External Keyboard
- LearningCheck™ Creator Software
- LearningCheck™ Application for TI-83 Plus
- LearningCheck™ File: **ASGreat.edc**
- TI-GRAPH LINK™ cable

Activity Overview

This activity assesses student knowledge and understanding of the causes of the Great Depression. The assessment is conducted on the TI-83 Plus device using the LearningCheck™ application.

Directions

Before the Activity Begins

Review the causes of the Great Depression with special emphasis on the role of the Stock Market Crash. If students will be writing an essay as part of their assessment, have them create a graphic organizer of the causes of the Great Depression to use as a resource for their writing. Teachers can use the LearningCheck™ creator to modify the assessment by adding or deleting questions.

During the Activity

Provide students with the LearningCheck™ Application variable (AppVar) entitled **ASGreat.edc**.

After the Activity

Collect the assessment by collecting the file **UASGreat** from each device or use the TI-Navigator™ System to collect the class' assignments.

Teacher Guide

Accessing the LearningCheck™ Application on the TI-83 Plus

The LearningCheck™ Application allows students to access teacher-created assessments and resources.

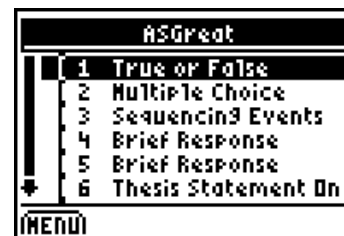1. To access the LearningCheck™ Application on the TI-83 Plus, press the APPS key and choose **LearnChk**.

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APPLICATIONS
1:Finance…
2:CelSheet
3:GeoMastr
4█LearnChk
5:LogIn
6:NoteFlio
7↓Organize
```

2. The Assignment List appears after the title screen. Highlight the assigned activity and press ENTER. The device then prompts the student for a username.

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ASSIGNMENT LIST
Activity One
Activity Two
INDIAN
To Kill a Mockingbird


MENU INFO
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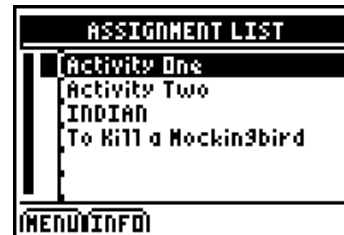
3. If the file has been accessed before, the student needs to choose **2: CLEAR ALL ANSWERS** to clear the previous responses.

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WARNING
INCORRECT USERNAME
FOR ANSWER FILE

1█TRY AGAIN
2: CLEAR ALL ANSWERS
3: ▶ ASSIGNMENT LIST
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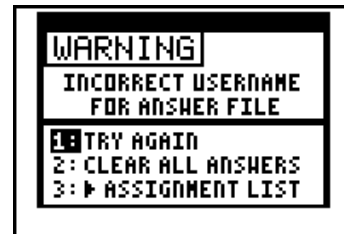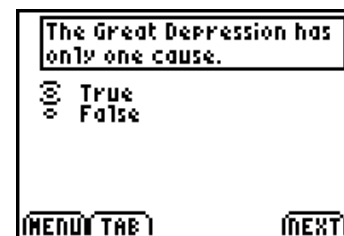
4. When the user name is entered, the device lists the questions in the selected assignment.

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ASGreat
1  True or False
2  Multiple Choice
3  Sequencing Events
4  Brief Response
5  Brief Response
6  Thesis Statement On
MENU
```

The application has a variety of questions types, for example:

                                        True or False

```
The Great Depression has
only one cause.

⊗ True
⊗ False




MENU TAB          NEXT
```

Sequencing

> Put the following events in the correct sequence according to when they happened.
>
> {Collapse of agricult ◄
>   Crash of the Stock M
>   End of World War I
>
> (MENU)   (NEXT)

Brief Response

> Explain one of the cause
> of the Great Depression
> ___ANS___
>
> |
>
> (MENU)   (NEXT)
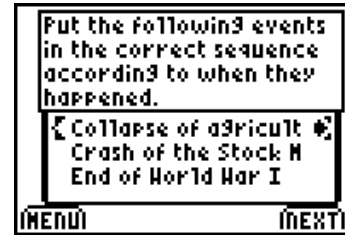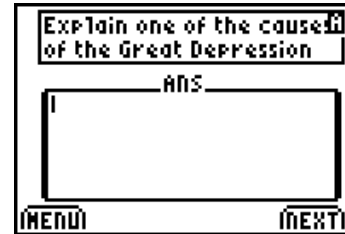
5. This application is controlled using the keys under the screen:

STAT PLOT F1   TBLSET F2   FORMAT F3   CALC F4   TABLE F5

Y=   WINDOW   ZOOM   TRACE   GRAPH

Menu Key   Tab Key   Next

> 1: ► NEXT ITEM
> 2: ► PREVIOUS ITEM
> 3: ► ITEM LIST
> 4: ► ASSIGNMENT LIST
> 5: PAUSE APP
> 6: HELP
> 7: SPECIAL CHARACTERS
> (BACK)

Selects   Moves to
response   the next
                 question
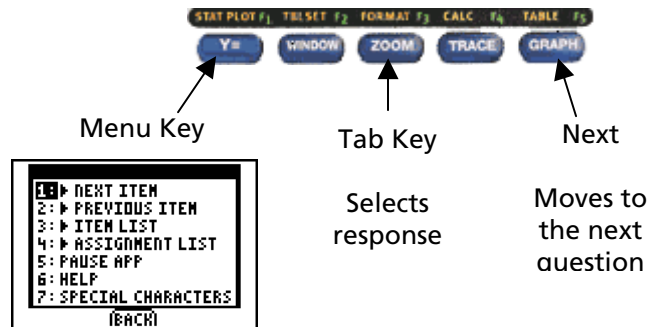
6. When the students are finished with the activity, the application redisplays the list of questions.