

**Sample Unit Description**  
**US History “Cored”**  
**with *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hess**

**Descriptor**

In a unit, with US History “cored” with language arts, students read and study about the Dust Bowl that occurred during The Depression from 1930-1936—a time when “. . . going to the outhouse was an ordeal, a wade through shoulder-high

drifts. . .” (*The Worst Hard Time* 173).

Children who went out to play and farmers who went out to farm commonly died of dust pneumonia.



The study of the Dust Bowl is “cored” with Karen Hesse’s historical fiction *Out of the Dust*, an award-winning and beloved novel.

