

## CHAPTER

## 13

## VOCABULARY AND GUIDED READING ACTIVITY

## Section 3: Life During the Depression

The Great  
DepressionUnderstanding  
Vocabulary

Fill in the blanks with vocabulary words from the section.

- status symbol
- mass media

1. Radios, newspapers, television, and other forms of communications networks are known as:

\_\_\_\_\_

2. A car is a \_\_\_\_\_, or sign of wealth and prestige.

## UNDERSTANDING CONCEPTS

① As you read Section 3, fill in the blanks in the following section outline.

## I. The Car Craze Continues

- A. Americans continued to value their cars, hanging on to them whether they could \_\_\_\_\_ to drive them or not.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ grew to be the third-largest industry in the United States, with 35 million vacationers hitting the road in 1935 alone.

## II. Escape From Household Drudgery

- A. As more houses were wired with \_\_\_\_\_, the market for \_\_\_\_\_ such as refrigerators and washing machines grew.

## III. Escape Through Entertainment

- A. Talkies, or movies with \_\_\_\_\_, helped people escape their troubles.
- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ was the family's communication link to the outside world, providing news, companionship, and entertainment.

## IV. Voices That Would Not Be Stilled

- A. Writers such as John Steinbeck and \_\_\_\_\_ wrote about the struggles of people caught in a system that sapped their vitality, and they evaluated society's effectiveness in upholding the rights of people of different \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Painters such as Thomas Hart \_\_\_\_\_, Edward Hopper, and \_\_\_\_\_ Wood focused on particular regions of the country and conveyed the flavor of life there as they saw it.
- C. Playwright Clifford \_\_\_\_\_ glorified the Depression-era \_\_\_\_\_, promoting his vision of a just world.
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ photographers showed a starkly realistic view of people's anger, shame, and misery during the \_\_\_\_\_.

② In the blank, write the word or words that best complete the sentence.

1. John Steinbeck's novel \_\_\_\_\_ focused on an Okie family driven from their land.
2. Audiences swooned at Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers in \_\_\_\_\_ such as *42nd Street*.