



Then and Now

Have students look closely at the photographs taken in Indiana. Is the clothing the same or different from what people wear today? Are people wearing different clothing depending on whether they live in a rural area or a town? How does their clothing relate to the type of work they are doing, or to their socio-economic class? In some of the FSA photographs taken in Indiana, the prices of products or services are listed. See if students can find the prices of things, and then compare them with what those things cost today. Students can also compare the type of work people are doing. Is the work the same or different from what people do today? Another area for comparison is photographs of children. What do their clothes tell you about their lives? Do they look happy? Do they look hungry? Do they look healthy? Do they have homes that look comfortable? There are many subjects students can use to compare life then and now, such as types of relaxation and recreation, kitchens, farm equipment, etc. Or students can select Indiana photos and find current photos from magazines, newspapers or the Internet that show a similar scene or one that is the complete opposite. They can then discuss why they are similar or different and why.