Assignment: Compare/Contrast Essay—Then and Now.

- **Directions:** You will write a 5-paragraph compare/contrast essay, in which you analyze
  - 1) the Crash of 1929 and the second “Crash of 2008.”
  - or
  - 2) the “Bonus army” protests and “Hoovervilles” and the Occupy Wall Street movement

- You will need to use at least three reliable resources and cite them in a bibliography. Start with these:
  - 1) [http://finance.yahoo.com/](http://finance.yahoo.com/) Info on today’s market and financial meltdown and the President’s attempts to rescue the economy.
  - 2) See slides and textbook for a timeline of events during the Crash and Depression.
  - 4) Any modern or Depression era news articles.
  - 6) [http://recession.org/](http://recession.org/) History of recessions, then and now.

- **Other Requirements:** Typed, 12-point font, Times New Roman, double spaced, bibliography. [www.citationmachine.net](http://www.citationmachine.net) **Grading Rubric:** CSAP 4-Point Writing Rubric
Crash of 1929 vs. Housing/economic crisis of 2008

• Structure:
• 1\textsuperscript{st} paragraph—Intro. and thesis.
• 2\textsuperscript{nd} paragraph—Crash of 1929, Great Depression: What happened? Causes? etc
• 3\textsuperscript{rd} Paragraph—The current economic crisis: What is it? What happened? What caused it?
• 4\textsuperscript{th}—Compare/contrast the two crises. How are they similar? How are they different?
• 5\textsuperscript{th} paragraph—Conclusion and your predictions for the future. Will we get out of the current crisis soon, and if so, how so? Or, will we suffer through another Depression? Is history repeating itself?
Bonus Army protests vs. Occupy Wall street protests

• Structure:
  • 1st paragraph—Intro. and thesis. What will you be writing about?
  • 2nd paragraph—The Bonus Army protests: What happened? Causes? What were they protesting and why? What do they want? Etc…
  • 3rd Paragraph—Occupy Wall Street: What’s happening? Causes? What were they protesting and why? What do they want? etc/…
  • 4th—Compare/contrast the two crises. How are they similar? How are they different?
  • 5th paragraph—Conclusion and your predictions for the future. What was the outcome for the Bonus army? Will Occupy be any different? Why or why not? And do you agree with what these protests were calling for? What is your opinion?