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DELTA PIECES PHOTO ACTIVITY

***A picture is worth
1,000 words.***



The Mississippi River has flooded its banks many times. The Flood of 1927 though, was the most destructive Mississippi flood in the history of the United States. It started with heavy rains in 1926 in the northern tributaries of the River. By the time the water flowed into the Mississippi River and down to the Delta region, it was so powerful that it caused the levee to break in 145 places and flooded 27,000 square miles of land. Some areas were flooded up to 30 feet. Because of the flooding, over 700,000 people were displaced and a new levee system was built.

In this activity, you will act as a historian, examining photographs from the past and trying to determine the circumstances. First, you will want to read Oren Russell's personal experiences about the Flood at http://www.louisianafolklife.org/LT/Articles_Essays/DeltaRussell.html.

Betty Jo Harris writes about the Flood in her essay at http://www.louisianafolklife.org/LT/Articles_Essays/DeltaDepression.html. After reading the essay, look at the flood pictures and complete the tables below. In this article, you can also listen to Miles Smith tell about his personal experience.

Instructions: Study 3 photographs from the site for 2 minutes each. Form an overall impression, and then fill in the following tables:

Photograph #1

Caption:

List 2 things can you tell from the picture.

<i>I can tell ...</i>	<i>because ...</i>
1.	
2.	

Photograph #2

Caption:

List 2 things can you tell from the picture.

<i>I can tell ...</i>	<i>because ...</i>
1.	
2.	

Photograph #3

Caption:

List 2 things can you tell from the picture.

<i>I can tell ...</i>	<i>because ...</i>
1.	
2.	

List 3 things you learned from this activity.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

After looking at the photographs, what new questions do you have?

How could you find out the answers to your questions?
