Name: Period:

Only What You Can Carry

As a migrant worker in the middle of the Great Depression, you have a hand-to-mouth existence. You are always on the run and therefore have not accumulated very many belongings. In fact, you cannot afford to own anything that you cannot carry on your back.

**Step #1:** First, rank your possessions in order most important (#1) to least important (#35). Keep in mind the technological limitations of time. If you get stuck, start with least important and work backwards.

**Step #2:** Estimate the total weight you could carry for long distances and then the weight of each item.

Estimated weight I could carry: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pounds

**Step #3:** Check off the items that you would actually be able to pack. The total weight of the items cannot be greater than the weight you estimated that you can carry and all items must fit together in a backpack.

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| Ranking | Item | Estimated Weight | In My Backpack |
|  | Picture of your family and friends  |  |  |
|  | A toothbrush and toothpaste  |  |  |
|  | A can opener  |  |  |
|  | A box of your favorite candy bars  |  |  |
|  | An iPhone |  |  |
|  | A bathing suit  |  |  |
|  | Your favorite book  |  |  |
|  | A deck of cards  |  |  |
|  | A warm blanket  |  |  |
|  | A sleeping bag  |  |  |
|  | A canteen  |  |  |
|  | Your journal  |  |  |
|  | Four cans of beans  |  |  |
|  | An extra set of clothes  |  |  |
|  | A frying pan  |  |  |
|  | Matches  |  |  |
|  | A first aid kit  |  |  |
|  | A box of granola bars  |  |  |
|  | Soap  |  |  |
|  | A towel  |  |  |
|  | A pillow  |  |  |
|  | Your most comfortable pair of shoes  |  |  |
|  | A rain poncho  |  |  |
|  | An umbrella  |  |  |
|  | Hairbrush  |  |  |
|  | Xbox, controller and your favorite games  |  |  |
|  | Rain boots  |  |  |
|  | A pocketknife  |  |  |
|  | Rope |  |  |
|  | A tent  |  |  |
|  | Tissues  |  |  |
|  | Deodorant  |  |  |
|  | A jacket  |  |  |
|  | Two cans of soup  |  |  |
|  | A package of clean socks |  |  |
|  | Total Weight  |  |  |

Just The Two Of You

As you wander the country looking for work, you are accompanied by one trusted friend. Who would you choose to travel with you? What traits or qualities does he/she possess that would make him/her a good companion on the road and at work? Use space below to write 5-7 sentences on this topic.