



Family Newsletter for Unit 4

Florida in the 20th Century

Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- why people moved to Florida and the causes of growth and economic changes in the state before and after World War I
- the effects of the Great Depression and the land bust in Florida, the state's role in World War II, and the causes of the economic boom in Florida after the war

Here are some ways that you can help your child learn:

Talk About It

Chapter 8: New Challenges

A better life Today, immigrants continue to move to Florida for various reasons. Discuss why people might want to leave where they are living for a new place. Talk about many reasons, such as to escape war or to find better economic opportunities.

Chapter 9: Riches to Rags to Riches

Support for the troops Florida's climate and geography made it an attractive state for building military bases. Discuss how meeting the needs of the military for supplies, housing, and food might have helped Florida recover from the Great Depression.

Make It

A garden plan Work with your child to develop a plan for a garden. Work together to sketch your garden. Then discuss how a garden could supply your family with fresh vegetables to preserve food for troops like the victory gardens people planted during World War II.

Read to Learn More About It

Building a Dream: Mary Bethune's School, by Richard Kelso. A teacher, Bethune builds a school for African American girls.

Dear Dad, by Mary Z. Holmes. This "homefront" World War II book follows Max and his friends as they follow the war.

A Long Way to Go: A Story of Women's Rights, by Zibby Oneal. Eight-year-old Lila deals with the women's suffrage movement during World War I.



Technology

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