Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

• about changes in Illinois’s population, industry, and society from the late 1800s to the present
• how Illinois’s government functions and its relationship to the federal government and individual American citizens

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

Talk About It

Chapter 7: A Time of Change

Turbulent times Two World Wars and the Great Depression proved to be huge challenges to Illinois and the United States. Discuss how Illinois’s economy was affected by the 1929 stock market crash, the New Deal, and World War II.

Chapter 8: Government of the People

Citizens and democracy Illinois’s government and that of the United States are representative democracies. Talk about ways in which Illinois citizens have both the right and the responsibility to participate in state and federal government.

Make It

A timeline Work with your child to create a timeline showing important advances in the individual rights of Illinoians. The timeline should include suffrage for Illinois women, labor reform, and significant events in the civil rights movement.

Read to Learn More About It

Goldie’s Fortune: A Story of the Great Depression (Doll Hospital, Book 2), by Joan Holub, Cheryl Kirk Noll. A story about Goldie, a beloved doll of a girl named Eliza who lived during the Great Depression.

Illinois (United States), by Paul Joseph. Gives important information about the state of Illinois.

Technology

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