



LESSON 2: THE GREAT DEPRESSION

Unit 8: The Time Between



To understand what caused the Great Depression, how it impacted the American people as well as others around the world, the methods to solve the depression and the lasting effects the depression had on the United States.



GOAL



Video

THE GREAT CRASH



PHOTO ANALYSIS

❖ In pairs you will look at the following conditions for Americans during the Great Depression:

- Life in the City
- Life on the Farms
- Hobos
- Women
- Men
- Children
- Dust Bowl



PHOTO ANALYSIS

- ❖ You may analyze the photos in any order
- ❖ Make sure to answer the “Teacher Question” on the graphic organizer and then to personally respond to the images you are seeing.

Your personal response may be:

- Positive
- Negative
- Etc,



PHOTO ANALYSIS DISCUSSION

❖ Four Perspectives

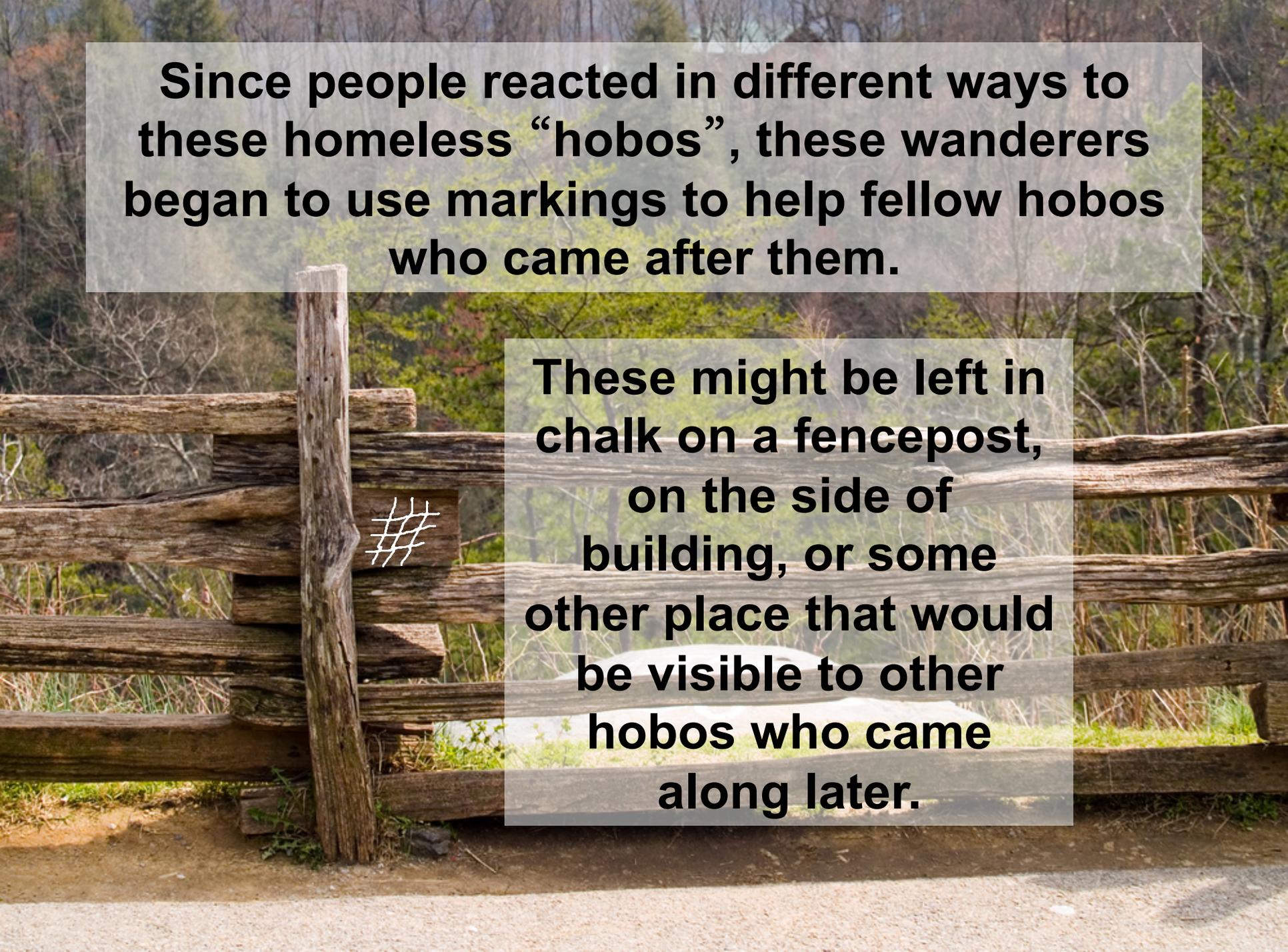
- Orange – Positive & Facilitator
- Green - Negative
- Yellow - Government
- Pink - Child



HOBO SYMBOL QUIZ

During the Great Depression some people, primarily men and teenage boys, took advantage of their homelessness and rode the rails across the United States.



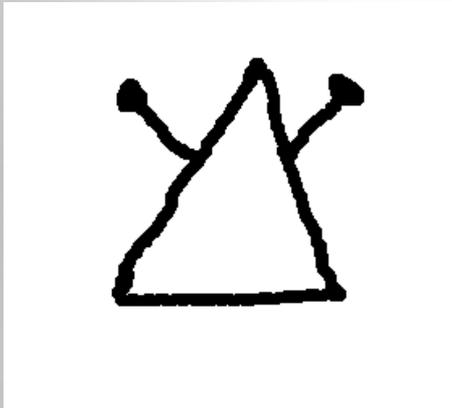
A photograph of a rustic wooden fence made of weathered logs. A vertical post in the center has a white, hand-drawn symbol on it, consisting of a grid of intersecting lines. The background shows a dense forest of trees with varying shades of green and brown, suggesting a natural, outdoor setting. The lighting is bright, casting shadows on the ground.

Since people reacted in different ways to these homeless “hobos”, these wanderers began to use markings to help fellow hobos who came after them.

These might be left in chalk on a fencepost, on the side of building, or some other place that would be visible to other hobos who came along later.



#1



You jump off the train when it slows down at a small town crossing. After wandering through town, you stop at a small, cozy-looking farm just outside the town. The smell of freshly baked bread wafts toward you from the open kitchen window. You are about to go try to sneak some of the bread when you notice the marking below in white chalk on the side of the fencepost.

What do you do?

- 1. Steal the bread,**
- 2. Knock on the door and ask for food,**
- 3. Keep walking?**



#2

You keep walking until you see another farmhouse and an old barn. You think you'll try to sneak into the barn and sleep there for the night but notice the marking below carved into a nearby fence post. Based on this marking, do you:

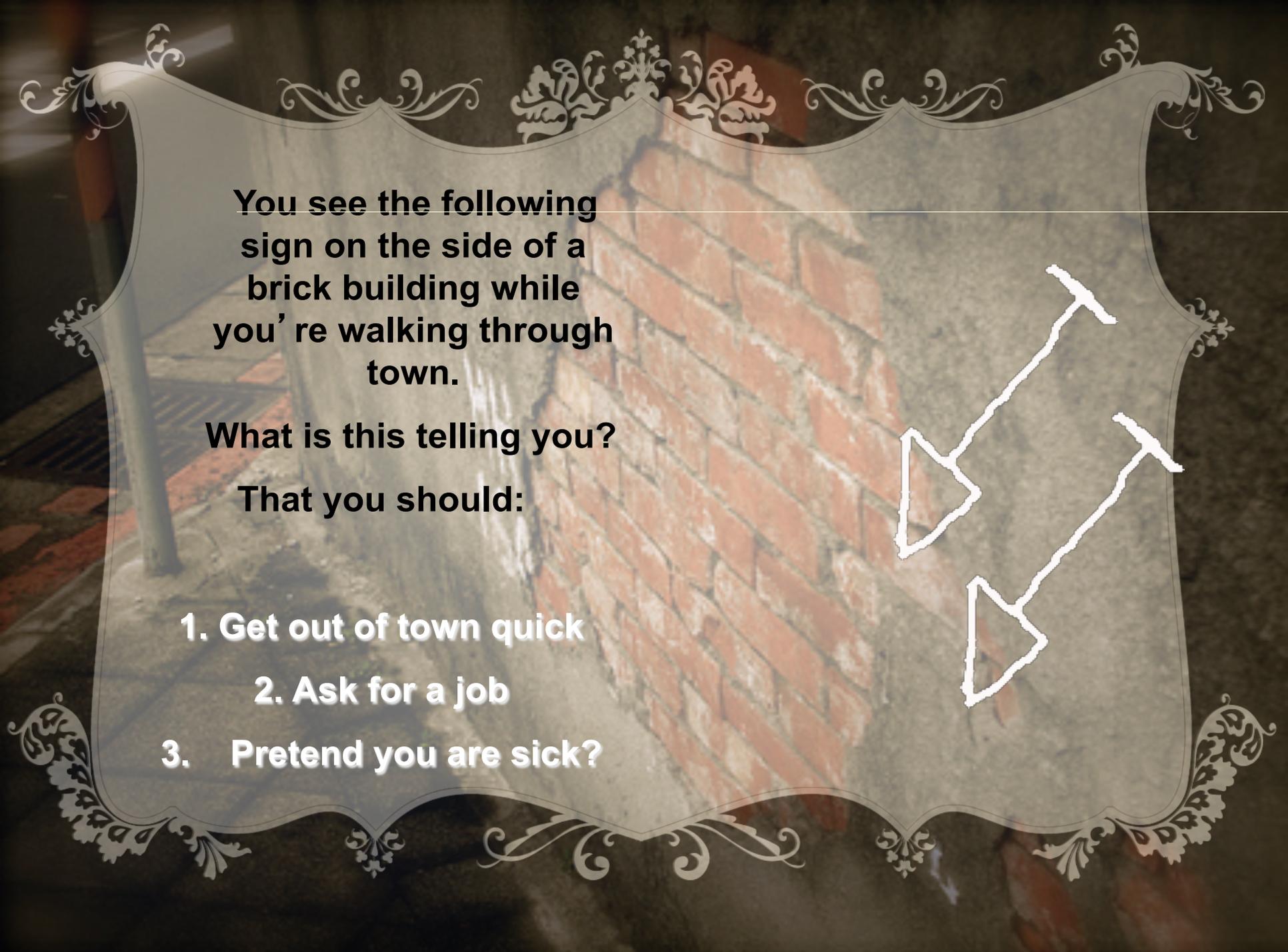


- 1. Sleep in the barn**
- 2. Go to the farmhouse and ask for food**
- 3. Keep walking?**

The next day you are walking by a small house when you notice that they have a large apple tree with plenty of juicy, ripe apples on some low branches. You think about hopping the fence and grabbing a few for dinner but see the marking below marked on the fence. Based on the marking, do you:



- 1. Steal the apples**
- 2. Just go to the door and ask for a few**
- 3. Keep walking**



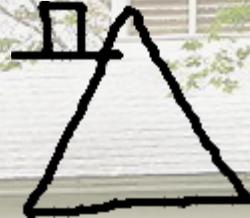
**You see the following
sign on the side of a
brick building while
you're walking through
town.**

What is this telling you?

That you should:

- 1. Get out of town quick**
- 2. Ask for a job**
- 3. Pretend you are sick?**

You are about to leave town when you see the following sign near a house.



You can hear the train coming and you want to catch it, but this sign makes you pause. Should you:

- 1. Ask for a handout at this house?**
- 2. Ask for a job?**
- 3. Catch your train?**



Answer



#1



Hopefully you chose to keep walking. This sign means “Man With a Gun”. If you had tried to steal the bread you might have been shot.





Answer



#2



If you chose to keep walking then you missed a free meal. This sign means “Good for a handout”

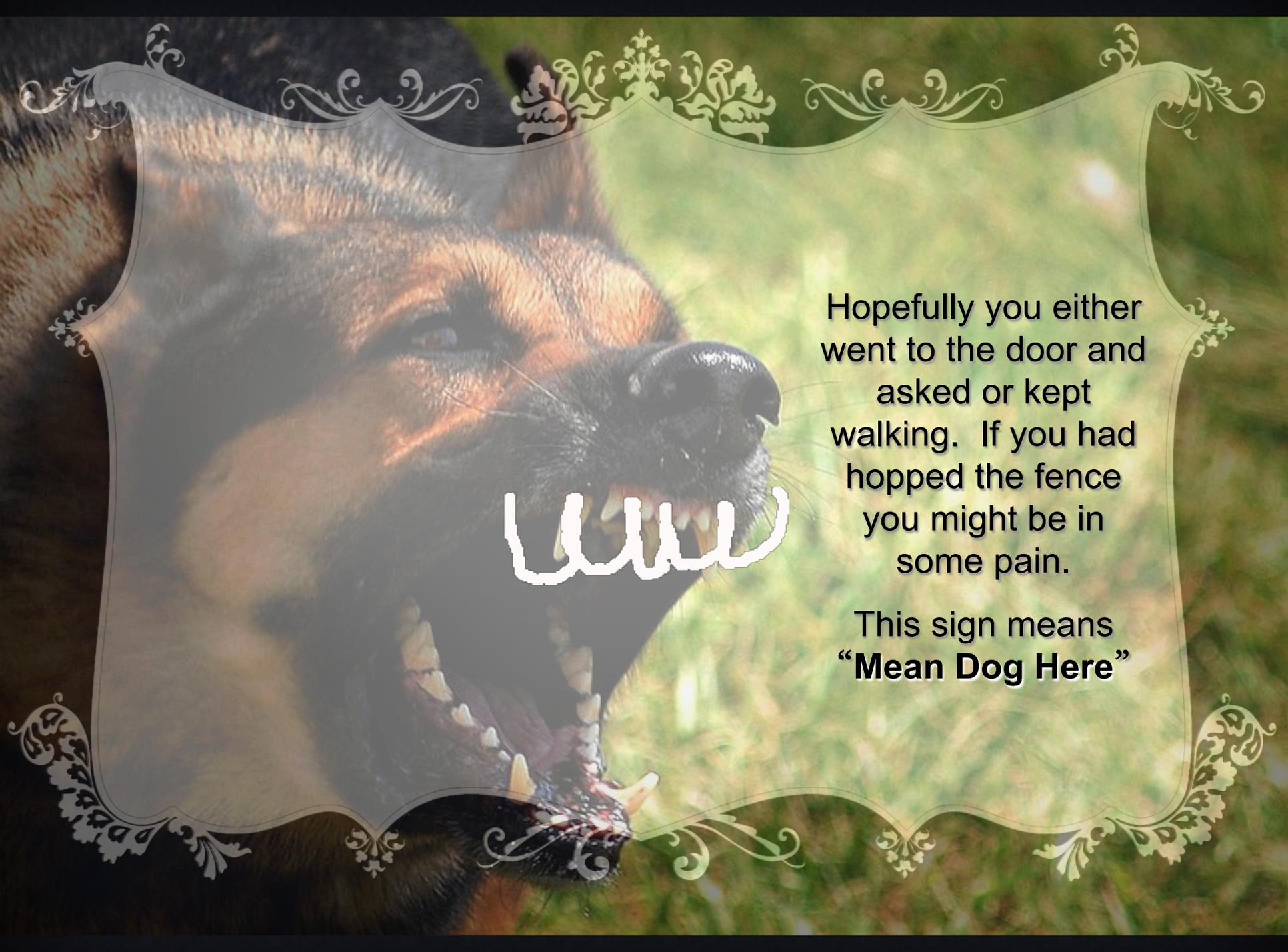




Answer



#3



Hopefully you either went to the door and asked or kept walking. If you had hopped the fence you might be in some pain.

This sign means
“Mean Dog Here”

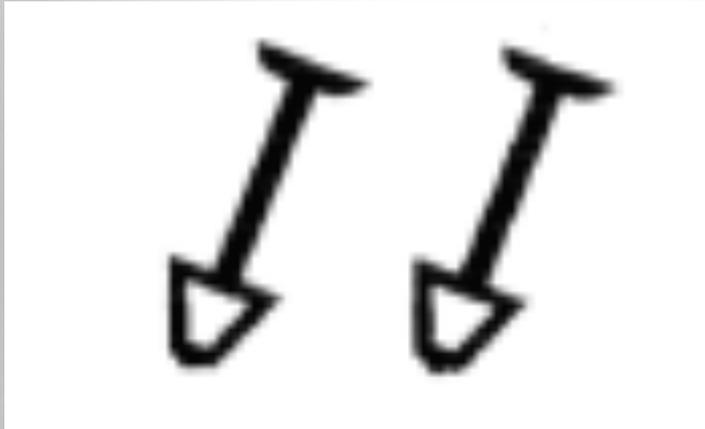


Answer



#4

The sign means that work is available. Go inside the building and see if you get a job for the day!





Answer



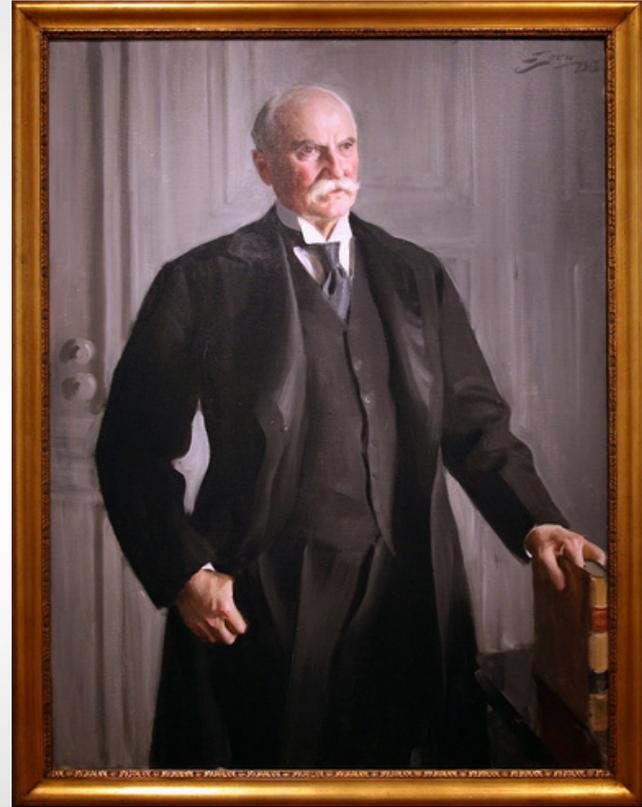
#5



**You might want to catch the
next train.**

**This might be a good place to
ask for money since the sign
means**

“Wealthy people live here”





Video

THE DUST BOWL