

**December 28, 1935: A Day with the Workers of the WPA**

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Describe what the workers are doing in your picture:

Create a caption for the picture as it would appear in the Urbana Daily Courier in 1935:

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What is the purpose of the overall project of which these workers are a part?

What wage should these workers be paid?

How did you arrive at that figure?

How much skill is involved in the task at hand?

What other factors are involved in setting a wage?

The WPA also employed writers, historians, musicians and artists.

How much should these workers have been paid in comparison?

Was this a good use of government money in 1935? Would it be today?

Create a fictional narrative about the workers. Including:

- A name, family background...who is at home depending on the worker?
- Profession, educational background.....how did they get here?
- A personal reflection on what the job means to them.
- A perspective of FDR.
- A perspective of the future.