This course will focus on the historical, social and political impact of the 1930s and how this decade shaped and continues to shape American identity even today. In addition to covering the national economic decline beginning in 1929, the growing labor movement and the Dust Bowl, we will also examine the implementation and impact of FDR’s New Deal paying particular attention to the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and its lasting contribution to American infrastructure. This course will also specifically focus on the development and growth of urban centers in the United States during the 1930s using Rockefeller Center and New York City as a primary example. Additionally, we will examine the developments of popular culture in this decade specifically literature, music, radio and film and how this growing entertainment industry would ultimately define the American culture as a whole.