

## Why are the sidewalks so high?

### Pre-visit Discussion

Who do you think built our sidewalks?

Have you ever heard of the WPA?

The Works Progress Administration (WPA) was a program begun in order to put many of the 15,000,000 unemployed people to work. They were builders of schools, court houses, museums, dams, river walks, sidewalks, curbs, buildings for organizations, parks and playgrounds. Paid \$18.75 a week by the government, they worked long hours. (So many people were out of work during the 1930's that it has been called the Great Depression.) The WPA workers put in many of the sidewalks in downtown Silver City!

Here are some pictures of projects completed by the WPA in Silver City. Do you know what and where they are?



Located at WNMU



Located on Cooper Street



Located on Broadway Street



Located on Pinos Altos Street