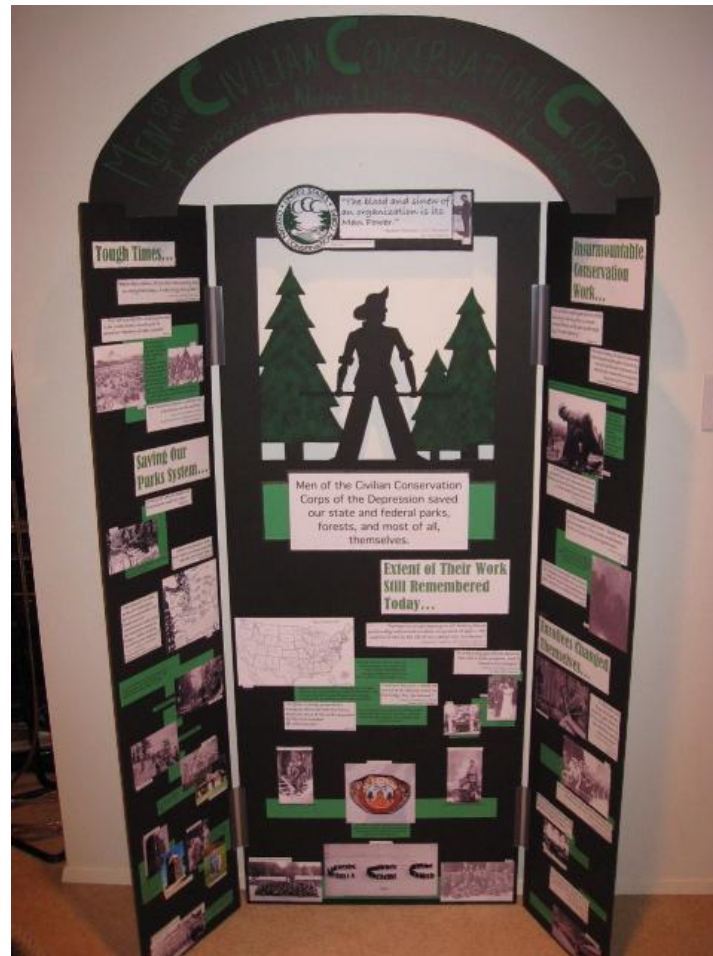


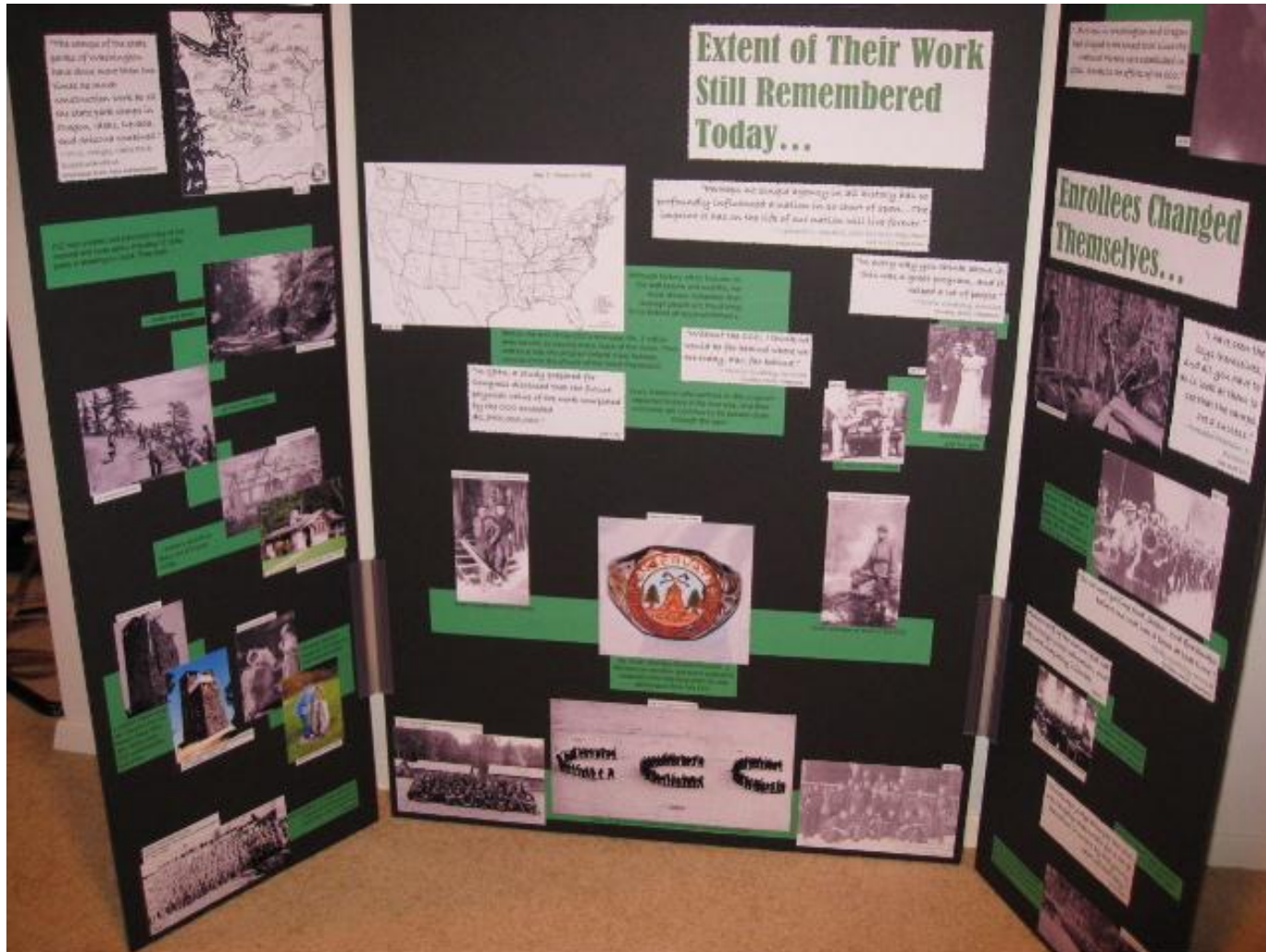
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Tough Times...

"Before the creation of the CCC, the country was in really bad shape...it was truly, truly bad."
—Morris Grodsky, enrollee
(Grodsky, Morris, Telephone)

"...There were 13,689,000 unemployed people in the United States, according to the American Federation of Labor estimate."
(HIF XIX)

The United States was in the midst of the Great Depression. Banks closed and public park development halted. A growing number of starving unemployed Americans lived in hobo camps like this one in 1934 Seattle. Hope for change came with President Franklin Roosevelt's pride and joy, the Civilian Conservation Corps. (Roosevelt at first CCC camp, above).


"The President's objective in all this was to build men as well as forest."
—John H. Markham, General Superintendent of State CCC Camps
(qtd. in CCC Interpretive).



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Saving Our Parks System...

"Nearly 50 national parks and monuments used CCC labor."
(Cohen 90).




Cohen 97.

Enrollees planting heather in Mt. Baker National Forest, WA.

Within Washington State, more than 100 camps operated between 1933 and 1942.
(CCC Interpretive).

"The camps of the state parks of Washington have done more than two times as much construction work as all the state park camps in Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, and Arizona combined."
—W.G. Weigle, State Park Superintendent
(Washington State, Parks and Recreation).



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