TOPIC 5 – POOR RELIEF

Topic Overview
Topic 5 highlights some of the laws and assistance provided to North Dakota residents who experienced financial hardships or physical disabilities. It includes primary sources that will help you understand conditions of life that resulted in poverty and how the government intervened to help people who had serious financial needs.

Topic Objectives
• As a result of the study of Topic 5, you will be able to
  o Analyze and interpret primary documents.
  o Explore the role of government in providing poverty relief.

ND Content Standards
• 8.1.2
• 8.3.4
• 8.4.6
• 8.6.2

Common Core Standards
• RH 2
• WHST 2
• WHST 9

Topic Activities
• Organizing Data
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Read the information on **Poor Farms** and **Mothers’ Pensions**. Complete the following chart, and write a concluding statement.

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**Concluding statement:**