

US History
The Great Depression & The New Deal
Exam Review Sheet

1. What were some of the indicators that the economy of the 1920s was in trouble?
2. Identify the following terms dealing with playing the market: Bull Market, Bear Market, Stock Speculation, and Margin Buying.
3. What significant events occurred on Black Thursday and Black Tuesday?
4. Explain how the practice of buying stocks on margin ruined people after the stock market crash.
5. Identify the five main causes of the Great Depression.
6. What major event caused millions of Americans to lose their life savings during the Great Depression?
7. What three reasons caused many banks to fail throughout the country?
8. Identify the two main reasons massive numbers of businesses failed during the depression.
9. Identify the impact the Global Depression had on American and vice versa.
10. Why do many historians believe the income gap was a crucial cause of the depression?
11. What problems did the American worker face during the depression?
12. What group of Americans began working more during the depression?
13. What group of Americans lost their jobs first during the depression?

14. As times got bad what did many workers sell to make money?
15. Explain how the depression psychologically affected many workers during the depression.
16. How was the American family often restructured during the depression?
17. What happened to the marriage and birth rate during the depression?
18. What were two problems facing many urban Americans in the 1930s?
19. What groups tried to help these poor? Who refused to help?
20. What forced many farmers to leave their crops to rot in the fields?
21. What natural disaster impacted farmers in the Midwest during the Depression?
22. Why was President Hoover so opposed to direct government relief to the poor?
23. Did Congress always support Hoover in his opposition to direct relief?
24. How did Hoover believe the misery of the depression should be relieved?
25. Compare the differences between a laissez-faire approach to economics and a government intervention approach.
26. In what ways did President Hoover attempt to stimulate the economy? Which tactic attempted to create employment? Which tactic became a trickle down program? Which tactic attempted to keep production levels high? Which tactic bought surplus crops?

27. Did any of these tactics have any real influence on halting the depression?
28. What economic effect did Hoover's policies have on the American government?
29. What two radical groups saw the depression as a chance to gain support in America?
30. Who was the Bonus Army and what were they doing in Washington D.C.?
31. Identify the two main candidates in the election of 1932.
32. What was the major campaign issue of the election?
33. Who won the election of 1932 to become president?
34. What program would he institute to try and solve the problem of the depression?
35. What type of program was FDR's New Deal?
36. What warning did FDR give the nation when he issued the New Deal?
37. What three areas did the New Deal address to try and pull the U.S. out of the Great Depression?
38. How did Roosevelt try and restore public confidence in the banking system? Give two examples.
39. How did Roosevelt attempt to help people stay in their homes?

40. What New Deal agency did Roosevelt support that would not have happened under Hoover? Why would Hoover not have supported this agency and what problems did it address?
41. What did FDR put into place to restore confidence in the stock market again?
42. What NIRA administration did FDR create to create jobs and rebuild the nation's infrastructure?
43. What happened in 1934 that allowed Roosevelt to pass his 2nd New Deal Legislation?
44. What administration did the Works Progress Administration replace and what types of jobs did this administration create?
45. What three provisions did Social Security give to the American people?
46. Why is social security in trouble today?
47. Explain the purpose of the Revenue Act of 1935.
48. If you are a supporter of the New Deal explain some reasons you consider it a success.
49. If you are a critic of the New Deal explain some reasons you consider it a failure.
50. Was the New Deal effective in ending the Depression? Was it effective in relieving suffering during the Depression?