

US History

The Great Depression & The New Deal

Questions To Consider

The Stock Market Crash

1. Identify some warning signs that the 1920s economy was not doing as good as everybody thought.
2. How did the practice of playing the market make the stock market crash worse?

The Beginning of the Great Depression

1. How did fear make the banking crisis worse?
2. Explain how the banking crisis, business failures, and rising unemployment were all related to each other.
3. Why did a large income gap between the rich and poor make the depression worse?

The American Worker & His Family

1. How did the Great Depression psychologically impact men and women differently?
2. How was the average American family changed by the Depression?

Life during the Depression

1. Identify some common urban problems during the Depression.
2. Identify some common rural problems during the Depression.

Hoover & Public Relief

1. Identify the three main reasons Hoover was opposed to direct relief.

Hoover's Economic Reform

1. Explain the difference between laissez-faire and government intervention.
2. What is the difference between government intervention and direct relief?
3. Why did Hoover's policies fail to work?

Discontent & the Election of 1932

1. What event ended any chance of Hoover winning the election of 1932?
2. What type of campaign did Roosevelt run against Hoover to win?

FDR & the First New Deal

1. How did FDR attempt to fix the banking system of the United States?
2. Did FDR believe in direct relief? Give an example to back up your answer.

FDR & the Second New Deal

1. What is the most famous and lasting program of the Second New Deal? What did it do?

An Evaluation of the New Deal

1. What are some common reasons people support the New Deal?
2. What are some common criticisms of the New Deal?
3. What prevented us from truly evaluating the effectiveness of the New Deal?