

American History, 2007-2008

Short Answer Section, Ch. 22-23 Test (Great Depression & New Deal)

Instructions:

Answer the following questions using paragraph form. Each item is worth 10 points. This section comprises 30% of your test grade.

You are to type your response and submit the file online using your Turnitin.com account. This assignment must be submitted by Thursday, April 3rd. Any assignments received late will receive a 10 point deduction per day.

Grading Rubric for each question:

- Correct/Historically accurate response (5 pts)
- Enough specific supporting evidence included (3 pts)
- Complete sentences; well written (2 pts)

1. In what ways was the economic prosperity of the 1920s genuine, and in what ways did this prosperity disguise serious economic problems? Do you think most people perceived the underlying problems in the economy? Why or why not?

Include:

- the performance of the stock market
- the availability of consumer goods
- people's spending patterns
- influences on public opinion

2. What unique problems did farmers and other people living in rural areas face during the Depression? How did the New Deal address those problems?

Include:

- the Agricultural Adjustment Act
- the Tennessee Valley Authority
- the Rural Electrification Administration

3. Why was Franklin D. Roosevelt able to quickly instill confidence in the federal government's ability to end the Depression? Give two reasons.

Include:

- Roosevelt's personality and interactions with the American public
- the goals and effects of early New Deal policies