

The Great Depression and New Deal

American History: Chapters 22 & 23 Study Guide

Causes of the Depression / Life in the Depression (Sections 22.1 & 22.2)

REFER TO GROUP SEMINAR ACTIVITY

- How did most Americans perceive the economy of the 1920s?
- Term: Buying stock on margin
- What did investors do once the stock market began its decline in late 1929?
- What causes the rash of bank closures?
- Effects of the depression on social groups:
 - Women?
 - Minorities?
 - Farmers? (How were farmers especially suffering during this time period?)
 - Children and Families?
 - Men?
 - Psychological effects?
- Causes/Results of the Dust Bowl

Hoover's Responses (Section 22.3)

- How did Hoover respond to the depression?
- Reconstruction Finance Corporation (RFC)
- Hawley-Smoot Tariff and effects
- Bonus Army March and Hoover's actions

FDR's First New Deal (Section 23.1)

- Major differences between Hoover and Roosevelt in the 1932 election?
- 21st Amendment
- What was the "Brain Trust"?
- Emergency Banking Relief Act/Bank Holiday – purpose?
- First 100 days: legislation
- **Understand major New Deal initiatives:**
 - Banking: FDIC
 - Examples of job creation programs: CCC, CWA, PWA, WPA
 - Agricultural Adjustment Act → AAA (goal?)
 - National Industrial Recovery Act → NRA
- Which major New Deal laws were overturned by the Supreme Court?
- Reaction to Roosevelt's "court-packing" scheme
- How was the New Deal criticized?
 - By liberals?
 - By conservatives and Republicans?
 - Huey Long: program proposed?
 - Francis Townsend: program proposed?

FDR's Second New Deal and New Deal Groups (Sections 23.2 & 23.3)

REFER TO CLASS HANDOUT

- What was the purpose of the Second New Deal?
- What did Social Security provide? How did it help fuel the recession in 1937?
- What role did Eleanor Roosevelt play?
- Effect of the New Deal on labor unions
- Which groups of workers were assisted by the WPA?
- What groups of Americans were part of the "New Deal Coalition"?

Culture of the 1930s (Section 23.4)

- Movies and Radio - what did this media provide for people in the depression?
- John Steinbeck

New Deal Legacies (Section 23.5)

- Understand the major significance of the time period
- What are the major legacies of the New Deal?
- Economic improvement during the New Deal?
- What major New Deal agencies still exist today?
- National Debt