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**The Great Depression and the New Deal Outline**

**Summary:**

-The optimism of the 1920’s concealed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the American economic system and attitudes about the role of government in controlling the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

-The Great Depression had a widespread and severe impact on American life

-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ New Deal used government programs to help the nation recover from the Depression.

**A. The Great Depression lasted from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to around \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. A depression is a long-lasting downturn in the economy (businesses and jobs).

**B. Causes of the Great Depression**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ crash of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_- many people **overspeculated (made**

**risky investments, often using borrowed money)** on stocks, trying to make a fast profit. Everyone tried to sell

their stocks all at once in October \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This caused stock prices to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rapidly.

\*People that borrowed money to buy stocks could not repay their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when stock prices dropped.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ failed – the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ failed to

prevent the collapse of the banking system.

\*The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the government-run central bank that is supposed to

keep the banking system working properly.

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ discouraged \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are taxes on imported goods. Countries stopped buying our taxed goods.



**C. The Great Depression had a severe impact on Americans.**

1. Many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ failed.

2. Many workers had no job. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (25%) of workers were unemployed.

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ incomes fell to low levels.

4. Many people were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**D. Between 1930 and 1936 the Great Plains was struck with a severe drought that caused the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”**

1. Lack of rain, combined with years of neglecting the land through poor farming techniques

turned the soil to dust.

2. The dust was picked up by winds causing dust storms called “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

  

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**E. Franklin Roosevelt was elected President in 1932 by promising a “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”**

1. FDR defeated President Hoover in 1932. Hoover believed individuals should help the needy, not the

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. FDR promised to get the federal government directly involved in helping the nation.

2. FDR gave fireside chats over the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to address the nation.

**F. Major features of President Franklin Roosevelt’s New Deal.**

1. Federal work programs- created jobs in public works projects, such as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ assistance programs- paid farmers to leave some land unplanted in order to reduce overproduction.

3. Environmental improvement programs- built or improved \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, planted trees to control erosion.

4. Increased rights for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_- a minimum wage law was passed and laws to help labor unions.

5. Social Security- new programs were created that gave government payments to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ workers, the

widow/children of workers who die, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people unable to work.

**G. The impact of FDR’s New Deal programs**

1. They helped many people by creating \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and restoring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. They led to a bigger role for the federal government in American \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. They led to higher \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to pay for the new government programs.

4. They did not, however actually end the Depression. It took the start of World War II to do that.