**The Great Depression and New Deal Worksheet** **Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**1. Place the following NUMBERS in either the causes column or the results column.**

1. People were hungry and homeless 2. The Federal Reserve failed to help banks 3. Many banks and businesses failed

4. 25% of Americans were unemployed 5. The stock market crashed 6. High tariffs 7. Farmers’ income fell

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| **Causes of the Great Depression** | **Results of the Great Depression** |
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**2. Circle the option that makes each statement correct.**

The Great Depression began in **( 1929 , 1939 )**. Several factors working together made the situation especially harsh. The stock market crashed, the **( President , Federal Reserve** ) failed to prevent the collapse of **( banks , stocks )**, and high **( tariffs , speculation )** hurt international trade. The unemployment rate reached **( 10% , 25%** ) in 1933. During the Great Depression many **( movies and radios , banks and businesses)** failed. Also, many people were hungry and homeless. The decade was made worse by a great drought in the Great Plains called the **( Great Storm , Dust Bowl )**. Many Americans blamed President **( Wilson , Hoover )** for their troubles. He was blamed because he did little to help. He believed it was the responsibility of the **( wealthy , government )** to take care of the less fortunate.

In 1932 **( Franklin Roosevelt , Herbert Hoover )** was elected President. In response to the Great Depression, he created economic and social programs to help the country. Together these programs were referred to as the **( New Deal , Square Deal )**. The five major features were Social Security, Federal Work Programs, Environmental Improvement Programs, increased rights for labor, and **( Stock , Farm )** Assistance Programs. Although these programs were helpful, they did not end the Great Depression. It took the beginning of **( the Cold War , World War II )** to ultimately end the worse economic period in American history.

**3. Match the terms below to their description.**

1.\_\_\_\_ depression 2.\_\_\_\_ Great Depression 3.\_\_\_\_ New Deal 4.\_\_\_\_ speculation 5.\_\_\_\_ stocks

6.\_\_\_\_ Federal Reserve 7.\_\_\_\_ tariff 8.\_\_\_\_ Social Security

A. a period of high unemployment and low economic activity

B. Roosevelt’s plan to deal with the Great Depression by using government programs to help the nation recover

C. government program to help the elderly and disabled

D. government system that regulates the banking industry in our country; if failed to prevent the collapse of the banks

E. the longest and worst period of high unemployment and low business activity in modern American history

F. a tax on imports or exports

G. shares of ownership in a company

H. buying and selling stocks in the hopes of making a profit

**4. Draw a picture to represent each time period shown below**

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| **The Roaring Twenties** | **The Great Depression** |
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