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The Great Depression and New Deal—Study Guide

1. Stock market **speculation** contributed to the **stock market crash in 1929** and the **Great Depression**.
2. **The Stock Market Crash of 1929** is seen by many people as the **beginning** of the Great Depression in the United States.
3. Major **reasons** for the Great Depression also included the **overproduction** of agriculture and manufactured goods, **declining** purchasing power of consumers, and **failure** to repay bank loans.
4. **The Dust Bowl** was the **environmental disaster** that destroyed millions of acres of farmland in Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas, causing over 2.5 million people to move. It is also associated with the Great Depression.
5. **Herbert Hoover** was the president at the time of the stock market crash of 1929.
6. The promise of a new deal for American people was made by **Franklin D. Roosevelt** (FDR) and included the creation of the **TVA, CCC, WPA**, and other agencies and was a way to make the federal government active in the national economy.
7. The **Tennessee Valley Authority** (TVA) created **electricity** for many states in the southeast through the construction of **hydroelectric dams** along the Tennessee River.
8. The **Civilian Conservation Corps** (CCC) was a public work relief program designed to preserve the nation's **natural resources** (such as forests) while providing unemployed men with jobs.
9. The **Works Progress Administration** (WPA) was responsible for helping rural areas by providing jobs to people for **road and building construction**.
10. A common **issue** of the New Deal programs was that they created too much **competition** for private workers and businesses.
11. The New Deal programs continue to **impact** America today because many of the structures built under these programs **are still in use**.
12. **Duke Ellington** was an African-American composer, pianist, and jazz bandleader. He led a jazz orchestra for many years and is considered one of the greatest composers of all time.
13. **Margaret Mitchell** was a famous American author and journalist who wrote "Gone with the Wind", for which she won a Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award. She was born in Atlanta, GA.

14. **Jesse Owens** was a famous African-American track and field athlete who broke speed records and won four gold medals at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, Germany.

Vocabulary

1. **Great Depression**—a period of global economic crisis that lasted from 1929-1939
2. **Stock Market Crash**—a famous dramatic loss of value in the shares of stock in corporations that hit the United States in 1929
3. **Herbert Hoover**—was the 31st President of the United States who lost favor with the American public due to the Great Depression
4. **Soup Kitchens**—facilities that were organized and sponsored by churches or charities during the Great Depression in an effort to feed the homeless and needy
5. **Dust Bowl**—the term given to the area of the Great Plains that was most greatly affected during the Great Drought of the 1930's
6. **Franklin Roosevelt**—the longest-serving president of the United States and the only president elected more than twice.