

Great Depression/New Deal: Student Choice Activities

Complete ONE activity for EACH TOPIC:

Topic A - Impact of the boll weevil and drought on Georgia

1. Create a mural of hardships of the farmers in the 1920's. Include the boll weevil, drought and declining cotton prices. This may be done on a poster or on a regular sheet of plain printer paper (doesn't have to be big, just attractive and informative).
2. Write a persuasive letter to President Calvin Coolidge explaining the problems you are having as a Georgia farmer. Be sure to include the boll weevil, drought, and declining cotton prices (explain the problems and how they are hurting you). Make suggestions for how the government can help Georgia farmers with these problems. Make sure you have an engaging introduction and conclusion.

Topic B - Economic factors that resulted in the Great Depression

1. Create a graphic organizer explaining (1) what each of the following was (define) and (2) how it contributed to causing the Great Depression: (a) laissez-faire policies towards business and banking, (b) speculation, (c) buying stock on the margin, and (d) stock market crash.
2. Make an attractive mural explaining the role each of the following in causing the Great Depression: (a) laissez-faire policies towards business and banking, (b) speculation, (c) buying stock on the margin, and (d) stock market crash. Include a short explanation and an illustration for EACH.

Topic C - Impact of the political career of Eugene Talmadge

1. Write a resume for Eugene Talmadge emphasizing his political career*
2. Power point about the political career of Eugene Talmadge. Include illustrations.*

*Both products should EXPLAIN DETAILS about the following: (1) accomplishments as Commissioner of Agriculture AND Governor, (2) opinions about and reactions to the New Deal, and (3) his views and actions regarding white supremacy and segregation (include the issue with UGA integration)

Topic D - The impact of New Deal programs: Civilian Conservation Corps, Agricultural Adjustment Act, Rural Electrification Administration and the Social Security Act

1. Design a promotional brochure for the New Deal programs listed above. Describe the program, explain why it impacted Georgia, and include an illustration for each.
 - Title panel
 - One panel for each of the 4 programs listed above
 - A creatively designed 6th panel
2. Write a letter from FDR to Eugene Talmadge explaining why the New Deal programs listed above would be good for Georgia. Explain the benefits of each program thoroughly. Include an engaging introduction and conclusion. Be persuasive!