

US History Standard 17-18
Unit Guided Reading Questions

Chapter 22, Section 1

1. What does it mean to buy stocks “on margin”?
2. What event signaled the beginning of the Great Depression?
3. By 1933, how many American banks had failed? What was the unemployment rate in 1933?

Chapter 22, Section 2

4. Why were shantytowns created in urban areas in the 1930s?
5. What advantage did rural Americans have over urban Americans during the Great Depression?
6. The region of the USA hit hardest by the drought of the 1930s was called the:

Chapter 22, Section 3

7. Name three ways President Hoover tried to fix problems associated with the Great Depression.
8. What were “Hoovervilles?”
9. What was the goal of the “Bonus Army” in 1932?

Chapter 23, Section 1

10. What were the three main goals of FDR’s “New Deal?”
11. What New Deal agency was created to (a) insure banks? (b) regulate the stock markets? (c) help farmers to not plant so many crops?
12. What New Deal agency was created to (a) provide work for young men between the ages of 18 and 25?
13. What criticisms did Louisiana governor Huey Long have of FDR’s New Deal programs?

Chapter 23, Section 2

14. What New Deal agency employed professionals, artists, playwrights, actors, built airports, schools, , etc.?
15. What New Deal law passed in 1935 to guarantee collective bargaining rights to workers?
16. What New Deal law created a minimum wage, a minimum age for work and a maximum work week?
17. Name three groups who were helped by the Social Security Act?

Chapter 23, Section 3

18. How were women impacted by the Great Depression and the New Deal?
19. How were African-Americans impacted by the Great Depression and the New Deal?
20. How were labor unions impacted by the Great Depression and the New Deal?

Chapter 23, Section 4

21. What were the most popular movies of the 1930s?
22. What was the significance of the radio broadcast “War of the Worlds”?
23. How did John Steinbeck write about the Great Depression?

Chapter 23, Section 5

24. How did the New Deal impact the American economy and debt?
25. What are the criticisms of FDR’s New Deal?
26. What was the goal of the Tennessee Valley Authority?

