

The Great Depression / New Deal

Study Guide- Teacher Key

SS5H5 The student will explain how the Great Depression and New Deal affected the lives of millions of Americans.

a. Discuss the Stock Market Crash of 1929, Herbert Hoover, Franklin Roosevelt, the Dust Bowl, and soup kitchens.

b. Analyze the main features of the New Deal; include the significance of the Civilian Conservation Corps, the Works Progress Administration, and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

c. Discuss important cultural elements of the 1930s; include Duke Ellington, Margaret Mitchell, and Jesse Owens.

1. What was the time period called during the 1930s?

The Great Depression

2. What was the 19th Amendment?

The amendment to the constitution that gave women the right to vote

3. When did the stock market crash?

October 29th, 1929

4. When factories did not produce more, what happened to jobs?

Workers were laid off

5. What happened as a result of the stock market crash?

Most Americans lost everything (jobs, homes, money) due to bank closings

6. What was the Dust Bowl? Where did it occur? Who was affected?

A severe drought in the Great Plains that caused farm families to suffer. Without water, crops dried up and farmers lost everything.

7. What were the causes of the Great Depression?

The stock market crash, bank failures, farmer debt, and a slowing economy.

8. When was Franklin D. Roosevelt elected president and why did the people elect him?

He was elected in November, 1932 in a defeat over Hoover and gave Americans new hope by promising a "new deal" for them.

9. Who was Henry Ford? How did his manufacturing innovations contribute to the economic boom?

The founder of the Ford Motor company whose use of the assembly line in his factory allowed more goods to be produced for less, allowing more people to be able to afford to buy. He was able to pay his workers higher wages and still make a great profit.

10. Who was Duke Ellington?

An African American composer who was a pianist and big-band leader who wrote over 1,000 songs.

11. Who was Margaret Mitchell?

An American journalist and author from Atlanta, Georgia who is known for writing the novel Gone With the Wind.

12. Who was Jesse Owens?

An African American Olympic track and field athlete who was the son of a sharecropper from Alabama.

13. How did Hoover and FDR differ in their beliefs on how to take the U.S. out of the Depression?

Hoover did not think the government should help during the Depression. FDR thought government should create jobs for the unemployed.

14. What happened to people's money in their savings accounts during the Great Depression?

Due to bank closings, people lost everything in their savings accounts. The FDIC started to insure savings up to \$250,000 as a result.

15. What was the New Deal?

FDR's plan to bring America out of the Great Depression. It was a series of economic and social programs intended to bring relief, recovery, and reform to the nation.

16. What happened to jobs as an effect of the New Deal?

Jobs were made available to Americans as a result.

17. What is the CCC?

Civilian Conservation Corps- its goal was to create jobs and conserve, or protect the natural environment.

18. What is the WPA?

Works Progress Administration - hired people to build streets, parks, libraries, and schools. Artists were paid to paint murals on public buildings and authors were hired to write books about the U.S.

19. Who created the NYA and why was it started?

It was started by Eleanor Roosevelt to create jobs for young people.

20. What is the Social Security Act?

Provides funds for the elderly (65yrs and older) and the disabled. Still in effect today.

21. What is the TVA? What states did it affect? What did it do?

Tennessee Valley Authority- built dams on the Tennessee River. It created hydroelectricity for rural areas in States along the Tennessee River such as Tennessee, Georgia, and South Carolina.

22. What is debt?

Something owed, such as money, goods, or services.

23. What is charity?

An organization established to help those in need

24. What is minimum wage?

The least amount of money a worker in most jobs can be legally paid by an employer.