

...I am convinced that where Federal action is essential it should limit its responsibilities to supplement the states and local communities, and that it should not assume the major role or the entire responsibility...To do otherwise threatens the whole foundations of local government, which is the very basis of self government. That is to strengthen the nation a sense and an organization of self-help and cooperation to solve as many problems as possible outside of government

Due to lack of caution in business...we are projected into temporary unemployment, losses, and hardships. In a nation rich in resources, many people were faced with hunger and cold through no fault of their own. Our national resources are not only material supplies and material wealth but a spiritual and moral wealth in kindness, in compassion, in a sense of obligation of neighbor to neighbor and a realization of responsibility by industry, by business, and the community for its social security and its social welfare.

The evidence of our ability to solve great problems outside of government action and the degree of moral strength with which we emerge from this period will be determined by whether the individuals and the local communities continue to reach their responsibilities.

Throughout this depression I have insisted upon organization of these forces through industry, through local government, and through charity, that they should meet this crisis by their own initiative, by the assumption of their own responsibilities.

The Federal Government has sought to...avoid the opiates of government charity- Herbert Hoover, Radio Address, Feb 12, 1932

1.) Based on Hoover's Radio Address above, identify the role he believed the government should play in battling the Great Depression. (CRQ)

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2.) Do you agree with Hoover's plan of action to help the economy? Why or why not? (Short Answer)

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3.) What does Hoover mean in the last line of his, " The Federal Government has sought to...avoid the opiates of government charity"?

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