

History 102: The History of the United States Since 1865
Unit Four: Prosperity and Hardship, 1920 to 1939
Part Two - The Hardship Part, 1929-1939

I. READING ASSIGNMENT

Goldfield, *The American Journey*, Chapter 25, all

II. TERMS AND QUESTIONS

CHAPTER 25 - The Great Depression

unequal distribution of wealth	Social Security Act
Federal Reserve and depression	Wagner Act
Communist and Socialist parties	Dust Bowl
Reconstruction Finance Corporation	Resettlement Administration
Bonus Army	Works Progress Administration
Franklin Delano Roosevelt	Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO)
New Deal	GM sit-down strike
fireside chats	Eleanor Roosevelt, Frances Perkins, Mary McLeod Bethune
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)	Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)
Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)	Bureau of Reclamation in the West
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)	Nye Committee
Agricultural Adjustment Administration (AAA)	fascism, Hitler and Mussolini
National Industrial Recovery Act (NIRA)	Neutrality Acts of 1935, 1936 and 1937

Questions, chapter 25

1. Look at the chart on page 697 in your text and be able to explain the problems with unequal distribution of wealth as a cause of the Great Depression. What other causes of the Great Depression does your text identify?
2. Be able to describe the experiences of regular people during the early years of the depression. Look at families, men/women, and ethnic group experiences.
3. Why did Hoover fail in his efforts to solve the financial crisis of the early 1930s?
4. Be able to explain the major legislation offered in the first 100 days of Roosevelt's administration.
5. Be able to list at least three groups that criticized the New Deal in its first years, explain what they didn't like about it, and what (if anything) they proposed to solve the problems.
6. One of the big critiques by historians of the New Deal was that it was primarily directed at working-class urban white men. Explain the ways that the New Deal offered opportunities

to women, minorities and rural Americans, as well as the limitations of the New Deal. Do you think that historians are correct in making this critique?

7. Be able to discuss Hitler's moves towards war during the 1930s and the European and United States responses.

III. EXAMINATION PROMPTS

The essay examination prompt from this section will be included in Unit Five as they will be comparative in nature, examining World War I, II and the Cold War.

IV. LECTURE OUTLINE - PART II - Hardship, 1929-1939

II. Depression and New Deal, 1929-1939 (Chapter 25)

A. Causes of the Great Depression

B. Hoover and the Depression (do with video questions)

- i. Charities to Solve the Problem?

- ii. Government Programs

- iii. Fiscal Conservatism

- iv. Protests and Deepening Depression

C. The New Deal

- i. Election of 1932 and Franklin D. Roosevelt

- ii. The First 100 Days and the New Deal

- iii. Resistance and Retrenchment

- iv. Evaluating the New Deal

D. Foreign Policy in the 1920s and 1930s

- i. Latin America and the United States

- ii. Europe, Neutrality and the Rise of Militarism and Fascism