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The New Deal

EQ: How did the Great Depression change political and economic structures? Does this still affect us?

Historical Background

"When the stock market crashed in October of 1929, American citizens faced economic challenges unlike anything previously experienced in U.S. history. By the time Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) became President in 1933, the nation's unemployment rate hovered at 25%. In a vast departure from previous Presidents, who believed that the federal government has no place in trying to regulate and/or economic markets, Roosevelt believed that the sheer scope of the Depression demanded the federal government's intervention. With the support of a largely Democratic Congress, Roosevelt's Hundred Days ushered in the first wave of New Deal legislation designed to hasten "Relief, Recovery, and Reform."

Problems facing FDR: How would you deal?

BANKS – Many people lost everything they owned when BANKS across the US closed

- Do the people have trust in the Banking system? Y or N
- How would you restore people's confidence in the banking system?

TRUST - Due to the poor decision making of President Hoover many US citizens lost trust in their government.

- What would you do to restore public confidence and trust in the government?

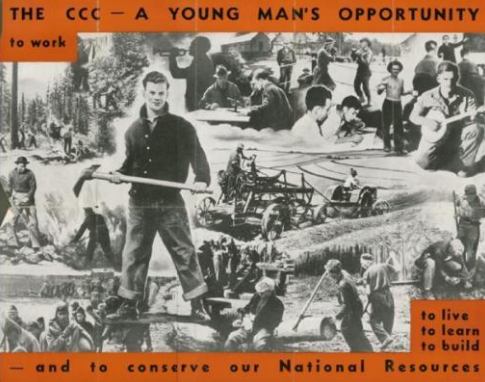
PRODUCTION – Perhaps the hardest hit population of the US were the farmers

- How would you provide relief to farmers?
- How would you raise crop prices so that farmers could make a profit?

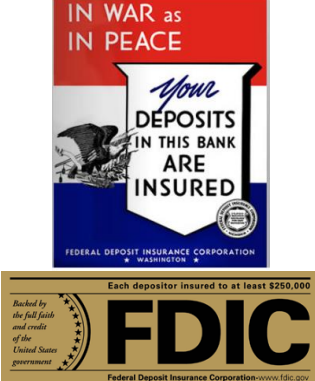
UNEMPLOYMENT - Many people were out of work early on in the depression. They could not provide food or shelter for their families.

- What was the highest unemployment percentage during the Depression? _____%
- How would you seek to lower unemployment?

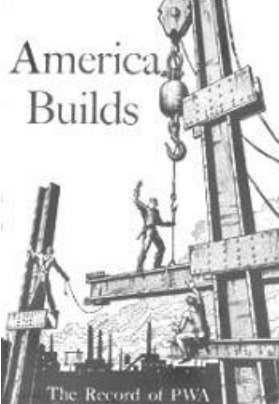
The CCC or Civilian Conservation Corps

 <p>THE CCC — A YOUNG MAN'S OPPORTUNITY to work</p> <p>to live to learn to build</p> <p>— and to conserve our National Resources</p>	What do you observe?	
	What do you think this program did?	


The FDIC or Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

	What do you observe?	
	What do you think this program did?	

The PWA or Public Works Administration

	What do you observe?	
	What do you think this program did?	

The SSA or Social Security Administration

	What do you observe?	
	What do you think this program did?	

Agency	What did it do?		
CCC	This agency employed thousands of unskilled young men across the country to work on environment conservation. They received training to perform tasks that included planting trees, clearing trails, developing national parks, and fighting forest fires.		
Whom did it help?	Why was it developed? What was the intent?	Did it provide relief, recovery, or reform?	Does it still exists today?

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PWA	This agency provided funds for construction projects such as roads, dams, bridges, and warships. These public works projects helped businesses put people to work so that they had money to spend and to improve public welfare, and revive American industries.		
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SSA	This agency set up a form of insurance where employers and workers would pay the tax to cover unemployment benefits, old age pensions, programs for the disabled, and for children of workers who had died. The agency provides a monthly check to those that qualify for the benefits		
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Pulse Check:

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