

"1929: From Boom to Bust"

Essential Question: How did the Roaring Twenties contribute to the Great Depression?

1. What are the FOUR major problems our country and people are facing economically right now as mentioned in the first paragraph?
2. How does unemployment during the Depression compare with today's unemployment rate?
3. How did people during the Great Depression "lose their dignity," according to the article?
4. Why was the Depression so insulting?
5. How did America's leaders lead people astray during the 1920's?
6. What are "Black Monday" and "Black Tuesday?" Explain.
7. What does buying stocks on margin mean?
8. Why did farms suffer after World War I?
9. What were "bank runs?" Explain how they led to more problems.
10. Look at the pictures on page 25. Which one or two strike you or resonate with you the most? Explain!!!!
11. What happened once businesses couldn't borrow from banks? Explain the chain of events.

12. How did Thomas Moon's family find food during the Depression?

13. Why were shantytowns nicknamed "Hooverilles?"

14. What was Hoover's approach at the onset of the Great Depression? Why do you think he chose this approach even though things were so bad?

15. What FIVE things were not in place during the 1930's that help us today in tough times?

16. What types of things did Roosevelt do right away with his *New Deal*?

17. What were the "fireside chats?" What type of atmosphere did Roosevelt promote?

18. What chain of events has occurred since 2007, leaving our economy in its worst state since the Depression?

19. What FIVE legacies did the New Deal leave us with? Do you disagree with any of them? Why or why not?

"Echoes of 1933?"

Essential Question to ponder: *How does our economic crisis facing the United States today compare to the Great Depression of the 1930's?*

1. How much of the nation was unemployed in 1933?

2. What are the effects of our recent recession in America?

3. What are the 3 reasons that people are comparing the recession today to the depression of the 1930's?

4. Why does columnist Paul Krugman feel that FDR had 'limited short-term success'?

5. What does the economic stimulus package include?

6. Why do you suppose the home foreclosures for 2008-2009 are so much higher than those of 1933? How can this be explained when things were so much worse in 1933? Explain your reasoning.

7. Look at the pictures on page 9. Answer the following:
How did FDR address the American people in 1938?

Describe the big picture in the middle. What do you suppose the photographer is trying to convey?

What do you think the photographers in the pictures with signs (one from then, one from now) are trying to convey? Explain.

8. How do Republicans and Democrats generally feel about the role the government should play when it comes to the economy?

9. What was Hoover's "disastrous mistake" according to the article?

10. Why does Obama have an advantage that FDR didn't?

11. Our unemployment rate is _____, the highest in _____ years.

12. Why do you suppose the unemployment rate for teens is higher than for the rest of the population?
13. Why did people panic and take out their savings during 1933?
14. How did Roosevelt deal with the banking crisis?
15. What does Steele say FDR was a genius at?
16. Even though Roosevelt spent a lot of money during the 1930's, what has the lesson from that decade become? EXPLAIN!
17. What does Keynesian economics advocate? Do you agree with this? Why or why not?
18. What really helped to put people to work and ended the Great Depression?
19. What are the 5 New Deal programs that have made things better for us today? Explain why each was created during the Great Depression.
20. Do you feel our country is head for another Great Depression? Explain!!!