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# The Great Depres\$\$ion And The New Deal, 1929-1939

APUSH Review Guide for AMSCO chapter 24. Students who do not have the AMSCO guide may use *American Pageant* chapter 34 or other resource.

Directions Print document and take notes in the spaces provided. Read through the guide before you begin reading. This step will help you focus on the most significant ideas and information as you read. This guide can earn bonus points PLUS the right to correct the corresponding quiz for ½ points back for students completing guide IN ITS ENTIRETY BY QUIZ DATE.

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#### **Learning Goals:**

Identify and analyze the causes and effects of the Great Depression.

Analyze the ways Americans and government responded to the economic depression.

Assess the extent to which the New Deal successfully solved the problems facing Americans during the Great Depression.

#### **Key Concepts FOR PERIOD 7:**

Main Idea: An increasingly pluralistic United States faced profound domestic and global challenges, debated the proper degree of government activism, and sought to define its international role.

Key Concept 7.1: Governmental, political, and social organizations struggled to address the effects of large-scale industrialization, economic uncertainty, and related social changes such as urbanization and mass migration.

Key Concept 7.2: A revolution in communications and transportation technology helped to create a new mass culture and spread "modern" values and ideas, even as cultural conflicts between groups increased under the pressure of migration, world wars, and economic distress.

Key Concept 7.3: Global conflicts over resources, territories, and ideologies renewed debates over the nation's values and its role in the world, while simultaneously propelling the United States into a dominant international military, political, cultural, and economic position.

Guided Reading... Introduction, page 496

1. After reading the first 3 paragraphs for chapter 24, explain the local and broad context of The Great Depression.

Local context facts about the event, describing who/what/when etc.			
Broad context the bigger picture, theme, era, why/how			

# Causes and Effects of the Depression, 1929-1939, pp 496-498

2. Explain why business cycle fluctuations became increasingly severe, resulting in the Great Depression

Main Ideas	Notes/Explanations/Definitions	Analysis
Even as economic growth continued, episodes of credit and market instability, most critically the Great Depression, led to calls for the creation of a stronger financial	Causes and Effects of the Depression, 1929-1939  Wall Street Crash	Explain why the causes of the Great Depression led to calls for government action and reform.
regulatory system.  a. Stock Market Crash & Burn -uneven distribution of	Black Thursday and Black Tuesday	
income -speculation &	Causes of the Crash	
buying on margin -buying on credit -overproduction -weak agricultural sector	Uneven Distribution of Income	
-tight money policy of Fed. -lack of regulation -global economic problems	Stock Market Speculation	To what extent was idealism about American prosperity and the American dream responsible for the Crash? Defend your answer.
-Treaty of Versailles <b>b. Effects</b>	Excessive Use of Credit	your discisor
	Overproduction of Consumer Goods	
	Weak Farm Economy	
	Government Policies	Of the effects discussed on pages 498-499, which one is <i>the most</i> significant in leading to dramatic and far-reaching reform in the next decade? Explain your reasoning.
	Global Economic Problems	
	Effects	

# Hoover's Policies, pp 500-501

How did Hoover respond to the economic downturn?

Main Ideas	Notes/Explanations/Definitions	Analysis
National, state, and local reformers responded to economic upheavals, laissez-faire capitalism, and the Great Depression by transforming the U.S. into a	Hoover's Policies	Explain why the 20 <sup>th</sup> Amendment was ratified.
limited welfare state. However, President Herbert	Responding to a Worldwide Depression	
Hoover did "too little too late" and was unsuccessful in providing effective government response to	Hawley-Smoot Tariff, 1930	Explain how Harding and Coolidge may have addressed the causes and issues that Hoover addressed "too little too late."
the crisis.  a. Rugged individualism b. Increased tariffs	Debt Moratorium	
c. Debt moratorium d. FFB	Domestic Programs: Too Little, Too Late	
e. RFC	Federal Farm Board	
	Reconstruction Finance Corporation (RFC)	
	Despair and Protest	
	Unrest on the Farms	Defend, Support, or Modify the following statement, "The Hawley-Smoot Tariff was the greatest example of modern stupidity since the American refusal to join the League of Nations."
	Bonus March	
	The Election of 1932	
	Democrats	
	Results	
	Hoover as "Lame-Duck" President	
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# Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal, pp 502-507

To what extent was Roosevelt's New Deal an expansion of Progressivism?

Main Ideas	Notes/Explanations/Definitions	Analysis
The liberalism of President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal drew on earlier	Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal	Describe the significance of FDR's ability to inspire people and Eleanor Roosevelt's ability to empathize with people?
progressive ideas and represented a multifaceted approach to	FDR: The Man	
both the causes and effects of the Great Depression, using	Disability	
government power to provide relief to the poor, stimulate recovery, and reform the American economy.	Eleanor Roosevelt	
a. Fireside Chats b. First Hundred Days	New Deal Philosophy	
-21 <sup>ST</sup> Amendment -Emergency Banking Relief Act -Glass Steagel Act / FDIC -HOLC -Farm Credit - Administration	Three R.'s:	Why did Congress support every idea FDR had in the First Hundred Days despite them being radical change?
Continued on next page	Brain Trust and Other Advisers	
Continued on next page	First Hundred Days	
	Bank Holiday	
	Repeal of Prohibition	Of the Financial Reforms, which was the most significant long term? Defend your answer.
	Fireside Chats	
	Financial Recovery and Reform Programs	

Notes/Explanations/Definitions	Analysis
Relief for the Unemployed	Were any of FDR's actions during his First Hundred Days found to be unconstitutional? List and explain.
Industrial Recovery Program  Farm Production Control Program  Other Programs of the First New Deal	Was the Second New Deal better than the first? Explain your reasoning.
The Second New Deal	
Relief Programs	
The Election of 1936	
	Relief for the Unemployed  Industrial Recovery Program  Farm Production Control Program  Other Programs of the First New Deal  The Second New Deal  Relief Programs

# Opponents of the New Deal, pp 508-510

Analyze opposing viewpoints to the radical changes taking place in the United States government.

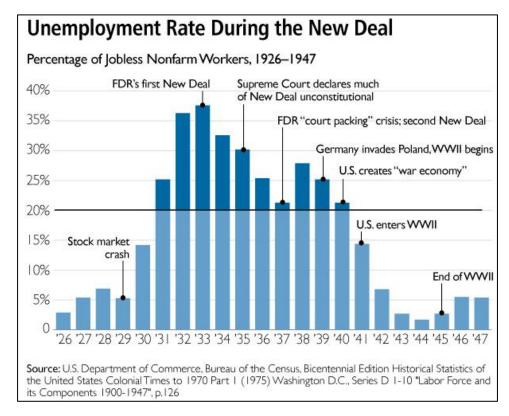
Main Ideas	Notes/Explanations/Definitions	Analysis
Radical, union, and populist movements pushed Roosevelt toward more extensive reforms, even as conservatives in Congress and the Supreme Court sought to limit the New Deal's scope.	Opponents of the New Deal  Liberal Critics	Support, Refute, or Modify the following statement: The New Deal was revolutionary because it created a much more powerful central government, increased power to the executive branch, and began the modern welfare state. (skip to page 514 and read "Historical Perspectives" before answering.)
a. Not Enough! -Socialists -extreme liberals -women -minorities -Father Charles E. Coughlin -Dr. Francis E. Townsend	Conservative Critics	Defend your viewpoint with specific evidence.
-Huey Long b. Too Much! -business -American Liberty League	Demagogues	
-Supreme Court (at first)	Father Charles E. Coughlin	
	Dr. Francis E. Townsend	
	Huey Long	In response to FDR's Court Reorganization Bill Sen. Burton K. Wheeler (D-Montana) said, "Every despot has usurped the power of the
	The Supreme Court	legislative and judicial branches in the name of the necessity for haste to promote the general welfare of the masses—and then proceeded to reduce them to servitude."
	Court Reorganization Plan	Support, Refute, or Modify the following statement: Checks and Balances successfully prevented Franklin Roosevelt from becoming a tyrant.
	Reaction	
	Aftermath	
		Trivia Break: Following the Court Packing plan, the swing vote of Justice Owen Roberts, began supporting the New Deal; called the "switch in time that saved nine."

#### Rise of Unions, pp 510-511

#### How did New Deal policies impact labor?

Background/Review... In the early 20th century, union membership rose to 6% of the labor force. There were 2.7 million members by 1913, and the share stayed around 6-7% until 1917. This was the "Progressive Era" of 1900 through 1918 which fastened a welfare-warfare state on America which has set the mold for the rest of the twentieth century. From 1842 onward, unions had the clear legal right to exist, and workers could join such "self-help" organizations, but employers were under no obligation to "bargain" with these unions. The courts also tended (ultimately) to restrict union tactics such as threats of violence, violence itself, mob action, and interference with voluntary trade, Further, the courts tended to make little distinction between business and union "restraints on competition." In 1912, Congress supplied new assistance with the Lloyd-LaFollette Act to compel collective bargaining by the US Post Office and encourage postal-union membership. In 1914, Congress passed the Clayton Anti-Trust Act with provisions to exempt unions from the 1890 Sherman Anti-Trust Act, restrict the use of court injunctions in labor disputes and declare picketing and similar union tactics as not unlawful. Samuel Gompers hailed the Clayton Act as labor's Magna Carta, but subsequent court interpretations neutered the pro-union provisions. The "national emergency" of US entry into World War I provided much of the experience and precedent for subsequent intervention on behalf of unionism, as well as for other cartel-like policies. Historian William E. Leuchtenburg, for instance, points out, "The panoply of procedures developed by the War Labor Board and the War Labor Policies Board provided the basis in later years for a series of enactments culminating in the Wagner National Labor Relations Act of 1935." Under pressure of World War I and the government's interventions, union membership skyrocketed, hitting 12% of the labor force. The end of the war ended pro-union interventions. By 1924, the union share of the labor force had slipped to 8%, and by 1933 had eroded to the same 6% as thirty years before.

Main Ideas	Notes/Explanations/Definitions	Analysis
Although the New Deal did not completely overcome	Rise of Unions	Consider the bulk of the New Deal. Would Woodrow Wilson approved?
the Depression, it left a legacy of reforms and agencies that endeavored to make society and individuals more	Formation of the CIO	To what extent was FDR continuing the legacy of Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson? Explain and defend your answer.
secure, and it helped foster a long-term political realignment	Strikes	
in which many ethnic groups, African Americans, and working-class communities	Automobiles	
identified with the Democratic Party.	Steel	
	Fair Labor Standards Act	Why has union member ship declined in recent eras? Ask your parents! (or Siri) <sup>(3)</sup>
	Union Membership in the United States, 1930-2010	
	35 30 25 20 15 10 5 of wage and salary workers  6 SS SI	



#### Last Phase of the New Deal, pp 511-512

#### How successful was the New Deal?

Main Ideas	Notes/Explanations/Definitions	Analysis
Although the New Deal did not completely overcome the Depression, it left a	Last Phase of the New Deal  Recession, 1937-1938	List three reasons the economy took another downturn (recession of 1937-1938)?
legacy of reforms and agencies that endeavored to make society and individuals more secure.	Recession, 1937-1936	<b>a</b> .
and it helped foster a long-term political realignment in which many ethnic groups,	Causes	b.
African Americans, and working-class communities identified with the Democratic Party.	Keynesian Economics	c.
The mass mobilization of American society to supply troops for the war effort and a workforce on the home front ended the Great Depression and provided opportunities for women and minorities to	Weakened New Deal	What ended the Great Depression?
improve their socioeconomic positions.		

# Life During the Great Depression, pp 512-513

Analyze the impact of the Great Depression on various groups.

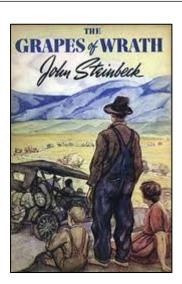
Main Eve	ents/Ideas	Definitions/Explanations	Analysis
through to	on were impacted and ways both cally and	Life During the Depression  Women	Explain the role First Lady, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Secretary of Labor, Francis Perkins, had in New Deal policies.
Many Americans migrated during the Great Depression, often driven by economic difficulties, and during World Wars I and II, as a result of the need for wartime production labor. Many Mexicans, drawn to the U.S. by economic opportunities, faced		Dust Bowl Farmers	Analyze the contributions of Mary McLeod Bethune and the "Black Cabinet," (Bethune was appointed by FDR to the director of the Office of Minority Affairs in the National Youth Administration).
	ent government in the 1930s and	African Americans	
a. b. c.	"Depression Mentality"  Women -family -discrimination -help from New Deal  Farmers -Dust Bowl -jobs - help from New Deal	Improvements	
d.	African Americans -discrimination -help from New Deal -social improvements	Fair Employment Practices Committee  American Indians	
e.	Native Americans -discrimination -help from New Deal -social improvements	Indian Reorganization (Wheeler-Howard) Act (1934)	
f.	Mexican Americans -discrimination -Dust Bowl	Mexican-Americans	

Analyze the following primary sources by identify each one's local context.



"Let the workers organize. Let the toilers assemble. Let their crystallized voice proclaim their injustices and demand their privileges. Let all thoughtful citizens sustain them, for the future of Labor is the future of America."

John L. Lewis, CIO Chairman





# How was the Great Depression of 1929-1939 different from previous depressions?

American Panics and Depressions	Era	Causes	Effects	Significance
Panic and Depression of 1819- 1825		Post war drop in demand, prices fall     Farmers continue to borrow even     though market demand isn't there     Speculation in western lands     Contraction of credit, led by Second     BUS	Begins a 6-year depression     Inspires debate over whether or not the nation should return to specie (hard money)	
Panics of 1832 & 1836 & 1837		1. Andrew Jackson refuses to renew charter of Second BUS and pulls deposits out (placing them in state/pet banks). Jackson sees the BUS as the root of the evil behind speculation and inflation  2. Nicholas Biddle calls in commercial loans in attempt to keep bank afloat, he fails  3. After demise of bank, banking anarchy replaces BUS control  4. Jackson passes Specie Circular, requiring public lands be paid for in gold or silver (hard money) (it's rescinded in 1838)  5. In response to Specie Circular, banks call in their loans  6. Great Britain has a depression causing drop in demand for American cotton prices fall  7. Van Buren continued Jackson's specie policy and signed a bill requiring all payments to the government to be in gold or silver: Sub Treasury Plan	<ol> <li>800 banks close</li> <li>American banking system collapses</li> <li>33% unemployment in New York</li> <li>10% unemployment nationwide</li> <li>land sales drop</li> <li>prices drop</li> <li>those with specie horde it</li> <li>speculators thrive and wildcat banks increase</li> <li>Van Buren's Sub Treasury Plan created sub-treasuries in new York, Boston, Charleston, and St.         Louis a mint in Philadelphia and a branch mint in New Orleans (repealed in 1841 when Congress passed bill for a third BUS but President Tyler vetoed it twice all members of his cabinet except Webster resign in protest Sub Treasury Plan reenacted in 1846)</li> </ol>	
Panic of 1857		agricultural exports declined after the end of the Crimean War in Europe     Over-speculation in railroads and real estate	<ol> <li>Crowds of unemployed flocked into Central Park, threatened authorities, demanded jobs they were given jobs</li> <li>Charities formed and set up soup kitchens</li> <li>Started one of the first waves of panic selling on the Stock Market</li> </ol>	
Panic and Depression of 1869- 1871		1. Gold was scarce and interest rates high 2. Gold was not traded as a commodity (Gold Exchange formed in 1864 for this purpose) 3. Railroad speculation was high 4. Black Friday, Gold Panic (Fisk and Gould attempted to corner market Grant dumped 4 million in gold on the market)	<ol> <li>Gold prices fell</li> <li>fortunes were lost</li> <li>businesses and individuals panicked</li> <li>interest in paper currency increased among debtors</li> </ol>	

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Panics and Depressions	Era	Causes	Effects	Significance
Panic of 1973 and Depression of 1873- 1876		Jay Cooke and Co. declared bankruptcy (this bank underwrote construction of Northern Pacific RR and helped finance the Civil War)     Overproduction and over expansion of economy     Declining market     Deflation     European banks (also in depression) called in loans to Americans     Crime of 73 prevented increase in currency through silver	Stock Market panic people sold their stocks     10,000 businesses failed     New York Stock Exchange closed its doors for 10 days     RR construction declined and some defaulted on their loans     Unemployed move to cities seeking jobs     Desperate individuals move west in hopes of finding opportunity     Interest in silver increased among farmers and workers	
Panic of 1893 and Depression of 1893- 1897		Excessive industry and RR speculation     Philadelphia and Reading RR file for bankruptcy     McKinley Tariff of 1890 and decreased exports     Grain, cotton, steel, and timber prices fall     European banks sell their American stocks and bonds     Public runs on banks	J.P. Morgan warns President     Cleveland of the panic and     urged him to repeal the     Sherman Silver Purchase Act     of 1890 it is repealed but     does not stop the depression     which is worldwide     500 banks failed     Coxey's Army marched on     Washington     Government borrows 65     million from J.P. Morgan     Debate over bimetallism     increases	
Panic of 1901		Drought     Public spooked by McKinley's assassination     Edward Harriman tries to buy up Northern Pacific stock (already controlled Union Pacific)	Stock holders panicked and began selling first major stock market crash for the New York Stock Exchange     Harriman and his monopoly (Northern Securities Holding Co.) soon broken up under the Sherman Antitrust Act	
Panic of 1929 and "Great" Depression of 1929- 1945		<ol> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> <li>4.</li> <li>5.</li> <li>6.</li> <li>Other causes:</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>1.</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> <li>4.</li> <li>5.</li> <li>6.</li> <li>Other effects</li> </ol>	