

Ch. 32 Reading Guide: The Great Depression & the New Deal (pg. 742-766)

Learning Targets

Target #1: I can identify examples of new efforts to reform U.S. society, politics, and its economic system; List innovations in technology and communication that allowed for a growth of mass culture; AND recognize examples of how America began to transition into a position of international power.

Target #2: I can explain (using historical thinking skills) examples of new efforts to reform U.S. society, politics, and its economic system; Explain (using historical thinking skills) how innovations in technology and communication allowed for a growth of mass culture in American society; AND describe how participation in a series of global conflicts propelled the U.S. into a position of international power while stirring up domestic debates over the nation's proper role in the world.

Big Ideas:

- The inauguration of President Roosevelt brought not only a political party shift, but a new era of government regulation and intervention
- Although a primary purpose of the New Deal was to recover the U.S. economy from the Great Depression, the programs passed during FDR's presidency helped provide relief for Americans during hard times and reformed the American system to prevent similar problems from happening.
- Critics of FDR's New Deal accused the plans and programs of being "un-American" and "anti-capitalist", although the New Deal seemed to be only a "halfway revolution" that helped America survive the Depression years.

Prediction Statement (50 words or less): What is one prediction you have about what you will learn based on the big ideas above?

Key Questions:

<p><u>Presidential Hopefuls of 1932 + Hoover's Humiliation in 1932</u> (pg. 743-745) Know: Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democratic Party, The New Deal</p> <p>1. Briefly describe the platform (ideas, plans, & promises) that FDR ran under in the Election of 1932.</p> <p>2. What monumental demographic & political shift occurred during the Election of 1932?</p>	
<p><u>FDR & the Three Rs: Relief, Recovery, Reform</u> (pg. 745-746) Know: Franklin D. Roosevelt, The New Deal</p> <p>3. What ideas and events influenced the creation of Roosevelt's New Deal? (simply list)</p>	
<p><u>Roosevelt Manages the Money</u> (pg. 746-748) Know: FDIC, Glass-Steagall Banking Reform</p> <p>4. How did the Glass-Steagall Act encourage Americans to trust banks again?</p>	

Creating Jobs for the Jobless**(pg. 748-750)**

Know: FDIC, Glass-Steagall Banking Reform

5. Briefly explain how the New Deal sought to combat the high unemployment rate that plagued the 1930s. (Explain at least two examples)

A Day for Every Demagogue**(pg. 750-751)**

Know: Huey Long, "Share Our Wealth", Francis Townsend

6. How did FDR's critics, Dr. Francis Townsend and Sen. Huey Long, plan to pull America out of the Depression?

Paying Farmers Not to Farm + Dust Bowls and Black Blizzards**(pg. 754-756)**

Know: Agricultural Adjustment Admin., Dust Bowl

7. Why did Americans criticize the AAA in its attempt to help farmers during the Depression?

8. Briefly explain why humans were a major blame for the tragic 'Dust Bowl' of the 1930s.

Battling Bankers & Big Business + The TVA Harnesses the Tennessee**(pg. 756-757)**

Know: Securities and Exchange Committee, Tennessee Valley Authority

9. How did the New Deal attempt to solve the stock market problem seen in the Twenties?

10. What benefits did the TVA provide?

11. What complaints did some have against the TVA?

<p><u>Housing & Social Security (pg. 758)</u> Know: Social Security Act 12. How did the creation of Social Security act as a way for the government to look after the welfare of its citizens?</p>	
<p><u>A New Deal for Labor (pg. 758-760)</u> Know: Wagner Act, Fair Labor Standards Act 13. What monumental improvements were made for America's labor movement under the New Deal?</p> <p>14. Why could it be said that the Fair Labor Standards Act fell short of its goals?</p>	
<p><u>Nine Old Men on the Bench + The Court Changes Course (pg. 761-763)</u> Know: FDR's court-packing plan 15. Why did FDR ask Congress to pass a bill that would add six more judges to the Supreme Court?</p> <p>16. What were some of the consequences of FDR's unsuccessful "court-packing" plan?</p>	
<p><u>New Deal or Raw Deal? + FDR's Balance Sheet (pg. 764-766)</u> Know: The New Deal 17. In summary, what were some of the negative criticisms (mostly from conservatives) the New Deal & FDR faced? (List 3-4 examples)</p> <p>18. According to the text, for what reasons did defenders of FDR and his New Deal believe the New Deal was a success? (list 3-4 examples)</p>	

Summary Exit Ticket:

Dueling Views (3 parts)

Excerpt #1: Howard Zinn, historian, A Person's History of the United States, 1999

"When the New Deal was over, capitalism remained intact. The rich still controlled the nation's wealth, as well as its laws, courts, police, newspaper, churches, colleges. Enough help had been given to enough people to make Roosevelt a hero to millions, but the same system that had brought depression and crisis - the system of waster, of inequality, of concern for profit over human need - remained."

Excerpt #2: Larry Schweikart, historian, 48 Liberal Lies about American History, 2008

"Most of Roosevelt's solutions did little. The public hoopla of 'job programs' barely dented unemployment numbers, which still stood at 12.5 percent in 1939, or ten times what they had been under Coolidge.... Did FDR do anything right? Yes. By taking the United States off the gold standard, he saved what was left of the banking system. But as they say, even a blind squirrel finds a nut once in a while."

#1. Briefly explain ONE specific historical difference between Zinn and Schweikart's interpretations of the impact of the New Deal.

#2. Briefly explain how ONE specific historical event or development not explicitly mentioned in the excerpts could be used to support Zinn's interpretation in excerpt #1.

#3. Briefly explain how ONE specific historical event or development not explicitly mentioned in the excerpts could be used to support Schweikart in excerpt #2.
