

GREAT DEPRESSION AND NEW DEAL WEBQUEST

Record your answers on a separate sheet of paper.

Great Depression

Go to <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/timeline/rails-timeline/> and answer the following questions:

- 1) When did the Great Depression begin? What event sparked it?
- 2) Locate November 1930 on the timeline: What did many Americans do to earn money during the depression?
- 3) Locate February and March 1932 on the timeline: What sort of demonstrations were Americans taking part in during the Great Depression? Why?
- 4) Find on the timeline when FDR was elected President of the United States. Who was FDR's opponent and why didn't Americans elect him instead?

Go to <http://www.history.com/topics/great-depression/photos#soup-kitchens-and-bread-lines> and view each picture in the slideshow along with their captions. Then answer the following questions:

- 5) Name 3 things people are waiting in line for
- 6) Before the state and federal governments provided assistance, who was providing relief to Americans?
- 7) A subsistence level is the bare minimum of basic needs that a family requires to survive. What percentage of American families was living below this level?

NEW DEAL

Go To <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/dustbowl/peoplevents/pandeAMEX10.html> and answer the following questions:

- 8) What percentage of the WPA workforce was made up of women?
- 9) According to the article, what did the WPA build?
- 10) When support of artists was questioned, what was Harry Hopkins' response?

Go to

http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/new_deal_for_the_arts/rediscovering_america1.html

Check out the beautiful art on this site. Go to part I and II. Then answer the following questions:

- 11) What topic does this site cover?
- 12) Describe the types of art produced by the government sponsored artists.
- 13) How did employing artists help America during the Great Depression?

Go to http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/new_deal_for_the_arts/work_pays_america.html and answer the following question:

- 14) What was the CCC slogan?

Go to <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/rails/index.html> and answer the following questions:

- 15) How many teenagers “rode the rails” during the Great Depression?
- 16) Click on special features.....then click “Tales from the Rails.” Choose two of the tales. Tell me about the tales?

Go to <http://www.idahoptv.org/outdoors/shows/ccc/trivia/menu.html> and answer the following questions:

- 17) What types of foods are missing from the list?
- 18) How does the CCC menu compare with what people eat today?

Go to <http://newdeal.feri.org/timeline/1933a.htm> and answer the following questions:

- 19) How many were unemployed at during 1933?
- 20) How many were unemployed at during 1934?

Part IV: Picture Analysis

Step 1: Go the following website and browse through the photos there.

Step 2: Identify the 4 Photos which strike you/impact you the most.

Step 3: Reflect on and answer the Questions below.

<http://www.english.uiuc.edu/maps/depression/photoessay.htm>

21). After looking at the photos of the Great Depression, how do they contrast with 1920's?

22). Pick one of the photos you analyzed and imagine yourself in it. Write a short journal entry, explaining your situation, how you are feeling, and what you hope for.