

Debating U.S. History
Student Handout

Great Depression Lesson 5

Part B

Essay

Directions: Write a well-organized essay that includes an introduction, several paragraphs, and a conclusion. Use evidence from *at least five* documents in the body of the essay. Support your response with relevant facts, examples, and details. Include additional outside information.

Historical Context:

After the crash of the stock market in 1929, the Great Depression began. The Depression brought devastation to the economy of the United States and resulted in severe problems for the American people. Throughout the 1930s, the American people and the government dealt with the Depression in various ways.

Task: Using information from the documents and your knowledge of United States history, write an essay in which you

- Discuss problems faced by the American people during the Great Depression of the 1930s.
- Explain how the American people *and* the government dealt with the problems of the Depression.

Guidelines:

In your essay, be sure to:

- Develop all aspects of the task
- Incorporate information from *at least five* documents
- Incorporate relevant outside information
- Support the theme with relevant facts, examples, and details
- Use a logical and clear plan of organization, including an introduction and conclusion that are beyond a restatement of the theme

Directions: Annotate the directions for KEYWORDS. What is the TOPIC of this response? What is the PURPOSE of this response? Who is the AUDIENCE? Then complete the chart below the directions using notes.

Topic:	
Purpose:	
Audience:	

Intro.
3 paragraphs

beg on streets
People
"Hoovervilles"
- Migration
- bank panic
- bank failures

Problems

- unemployment
- 25%
- hunger
- debt
- homelessness
- bank failure
- Farmers
- overproduction

Gov't

HOOPER
- Rugged
Individualism
- Trickle Down Theory
- Private Charities

FDR

New Deal
Goals:
3 Rs
Alphabet Agencies

low prices
low profits
farm foreclosures
migration
Okies/Arkies
- Dust Bowl

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Multiple Paragraph Outline

Thesis Statement:

Main Ideas	Details
1st ¶—Introduction	GS : SS: Th.St.:
2nd ¶—Topic ↓ T.S.
3rd ¶—Topic ↓ T.S.
4th ¶—Topic ↓ T.S.
5th ¶—Conclusion	Th.St. (rephrased): SS(new): GS (new) :