The Great Depression

SSUSH17 The student will analyze the causes and consequences of the Great Depression.

- a. Describe the causes, including overproduction, underconsumption, and stock market speculation that led to the stock market crash of 1929 and the Great Depression.
- b. Explain factors (include over-farming and climate) that led to the Dust Bowl and the resulting movement and migration west.
- c. Explain the social and political impact of widespread unemployment that resulted in developments such as Hoovervilles.

Herbert Hoover



- 1. Who was elected President in 1928?
- 2. Why did America want to elect another Republican President?



Agriculture Takes a Hit



- 1. How did World War I impact agriculture in the United States?
- 2. In response to the increased demand for food during WWI, what steps did many farmers take to increase output?
- 3. What happened to the farmers after the war was over?

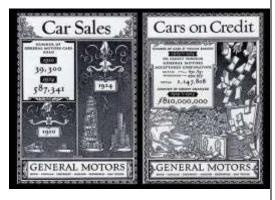




- 1. Why was industrial America experiencing a boom during the 1920s?
- 2. When factories are making profits, what do they typically do to increase those profits?
- 3. Identify two things many Americans did with their extra money:
- a.

b.

Uneven Distribution of Wealth



- 1. During the 1920s there was a large economic disparity between which two groups?
- 2. What resulted from excessive industrial output and falling incomes of the middle and lower classes?
- 3. Define "overproduction":
- 4. Define "under consumption":

The Stock Market Crashes





- 1. What is "stock"?
- 2. What is the "stock market"?
- 3. Define "speculation"?
- 4. Why did many stock investors partake in the process of speculation?
- 5. October 29, 1929 is the day the stock market "crashed". What nickname was given to this day in history?
- 6. What was the main cause of Black Tuesday?
- 7. Which era is generally thought to have begun after the stock market crash in October 1929?

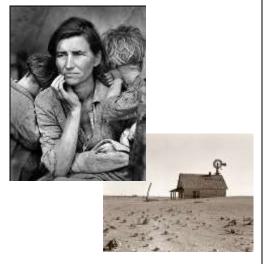


Widespread Unemployment and the Development of Hoovervilles



- 1. Identify four common events experienced during the Great Depression:
- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- 2. What were Hoovervilles?
- 3. Who were these "Hoovervilles" named after?
- 4. Why did many people blame President Hoover for the Great Depression?

The Dust Bowl



- 1. What was the "Dust Bowl"?
- 2. On the map, circle the region of the country most affected by the Dust Bowl:
- 3. What are the three main CAUSES of the Dust Bowl?
- a.
- b.
- c.
- 4. What effect did the Dust Bowl have on the population of the Great Plains?

Political Impact of the Great Depression

- 1. Why did Herbert Hoover lose the presidential election of 1932?
- 2. Who won the election of 1932?

