Great Depression Study Guide and Test

Aligned with SS5H5
Great Depression and New Deal Study Guide

1. What caused the Great Depression to start?
   ____________________________________________________________
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2. What is unemployment?
   ____________________________________________________________
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3. What is a charity?
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4. What are Hoovervilles?
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5. What is the New Deal?
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6. Why did soup kitchens become popular?
   ____________________________________________________________

7. What were bread lines?
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8. What was the Dust Bowl?
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9. What happened to most of the people who were affected by the Dust Bowl?
   ____________________________________________________________

10. Who did the Great Depression effect?
    ____________________________________________________________

11. Was life better in the cities or in the country? Explain.
    ____________________________________________________________
12. Who was President when the Great Depression started?

13. Why was Franklin D. Roosevelt later elected?

14. What does the CCC stand for, and what is its function?

15. What does the WPA stand for, and what is its function?

16. What does the TVA stand for, and what is its function?

17. Why were these programs in place?

18. Who was Margaret Mitchell?

19. Who was Jesse Owens?

20. Why was Jesse Owens a prominent figure during this time?

21. Who was Duke Ellington?
1. The Great Depression began due to the Stock Market Crash of 1929, also known as “Black Tuesday”.

2. Unemployment refers to the number of people who are looking for a job, but can’t find one.

3. Charities are organizations that helps people in need.

4. Hoovervilles are groups of shacks, usually made of tin or cardboard, that people who lost their homes were forced to live in during the Great Depression.

5. The New Deal refers to the variety of programs established by the government that were designed to help those who were struggling.

6. Soup kitchens were popular because many people were out of work and could not afford food. Soup kitchens provided food to those in need.

7. Bread lines referred to the number of people waiting to get into a soup kitchen.

8. The Dust Bowl refers to an area in the Midwest where, during the Great Depression, farmers suffered losses because of the many dust storms that swept through the land.

9. Many of the farmers lost their crops and could not sell anything to make a living. Many abandoned their homes and farms to move West in search of jobs.

10. Everyone was affected by the Great Depression.

11. Neither were better, but those living near cities could find something to eat in soup kitchens or seek some help from charities. Those that lived in the country were generally on their own.

12. Herbert Hoover

13. Many Americans blamed Herbert Hoover for the Great Depression. They wanted a change and wanted someone who would help them out of this depression. Roosevelt spoke of “The New Deal” to help American citizens.

14. CCC is Civilian Conservation Corps. The program provided people with jobs maintaining state and national parks.

15. WPA is the Works Progress Administration. The program provided people with jobs remodeling, repairing, or building local establishments, like schools, libraries, and hospitals.
16. The TVA is the Tennessee Valley Authority. This program provided people with jobs building dams for hydroelectricity around the Tennessee Valley area.

17. The programs were put into place to provide people with jobs that lost theirs.

18. She is the author of Gone with the Wind.

19. He was the first African American track and field gold medalist in the 1939 Olympics.

20. He was the first African American citizen to go and win.

21. He was a famous jazz artist during the 1930s.
Great Depression and New Deal Test – Version 1

Section 1 – Multiple Choice: Circle the letter that best answers the question.

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   b. constructing public buildings.
   c. in schools, hospitals, and libraries.
   d. maintaining the nation’s forests.

8. The Civilian Conservation Corp or CCC was an organization created during the Great Depression as part of the New Deal. It created jobs for people who didn't have work. What kind of work did people do as part of the CCC?
   a. create cheap hydroelectricity from dams
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   c. helping out in state and national forests
   d. building schools and libraries

9. One organization of the New Deal was Works Progress Administration or WPA. What type of work did people do when working for the WPA?
   a. maintained the nation’s forests
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10. The New Deal included programs that
    a. assumed the depression would pass on its own.
    b. expected people to take care of themselves.
    c. took care of poor and unemployed people.
    d. discriminated against African Americans.

Section 2 – True or False: Write T for true or F for false.

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16. _______ The Great Depression made life easier for American citizens.

17. _______ Franklin D. Roosevelt created the “New Deal”.

Section 3 – Matching: Write the letter of the term that best matches the question.

18. _______ became a well-known author after Gone with the Wind sold over 30 million copies

19. _______ organization that helps people in need

20. _______ time of hardship and unemployment

21. _______ traveled to Berlin, Germany in 1936 and won four gold medals in Track and Field

22. _______ Like Louis Armstrong, he played jazz music, and it became wildly popular

23. _______ the number of people who are looking for a job but can’t find one

24. _______ groups of shacks, usually made of tin or cardboard, that people who lost their homes were forced to live in

25. _______ a variety of government programs that were designed to help those who were struggling

A. New Deal
B. Margaret Mitchell
C. Jesse Owens
D. Duke Ellington
E. Unemployment
F. Charity
G. Hoovervilles
H. depression

Section 4 – Extended Response: Answer the question using details and complete sentences.

26. Why was Franklin D. Roosevelt such a popular President? Support your answer with evidence.

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12. F
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15. T
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21. C
22. D
23. E
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25. A
26. Roosevelt was a popular president because he helped the United States get out of a depression with his “New Deal”. This New Deal created jobs and stirred the economy with various programs, like the CCC, WPA, TVA. He was able to accomplish something that Hoover could not.
# Great Depression and New Deal Test – Version 2

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4. C
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6. B
7. A
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9. B
10. C

11. She wrote the widely popular book, *Gone with the Wind*.

12. Jazz singer during the 1930s.

13. An organization that helps those in need.

14. The number of people who don’t have a job and are looking for one.

15. F
16. F
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