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Great Depression Standard 7

Date of Stock Market crash

October 29, 1929

Purchasing a stock with only 10% down

Buying on the Margin

People who bought stock just to sell quickly in hopes of making fast money

Speculators

Usually considered major cause of Great Depression

Stock market crash

Why banks failed after stock market closed

People feared the banks would fail, rushed to get their money and there wasn't enough to go around

Common thread: Farmers lost farms, banks closed, thousands out of work

Results of stock market crash

Common thread: Too much production, not enough purchased, no strong markets in Europe, easy credit in America

Causes of Great Depression (or stock market crash)

Huge drought caused this primarily in Arkansas and Oklahoma

Dust Bowl

Nickname of these: cardboard shacks, newspapers, pockets turned inside out, thin soup

Hoovervilles, Hoover blankets, Hoover flags, Hoover stew

President when Depression hit

Herbert Hoover

Hoover's belief about Depression

Was temporary and would clean up the economy

Group who marched on Washington to get money

Bonus Army—wanted a bonus promised to them (WWI vets) by Congress. Bonus wasn't due until much later and there was no money

How Hoover handled the Bonus Army

Burned them out. This helped FDR's election

What Hoover opposed in dealing with the Depression

Direct relief—money paid directly to people. Also called the dole

What FDR (Franklin D. Roosevelt) promised the public if elected

New Deal for the Forgotten Man

3 parts of New Deal

Relief (dole)

Recovery (jobs)

Reform (laws to prevent it happening again

What AAA was

Agricultural Adjustment Act loans to farmers to be repaid when times got better

What TVA was

Tennessee Valley Authority brought cheap hydroelectric power to rural areas

What SSA was

Social Security Act—gave money to elderly, handicapped or fatherless children

What NLRA was

National Labor Relations Act—also called Wagner Act—Couldn't fire worker for joining a union

What Fair Labor Standards Act did

Established minimum wages and maximum work week hours. Also called Wages and Hours Law

What CCC was

Civilian Conservation Corps hired single men 17-23 to work in national parks

What WPA was

Works Progress Administration—gave jobs to unskilled workers

What FDIC was

Federal Deposit Insurance
Corporation—insured all bank
deposits to \$100,000 as attempt to
raise faith in banks

How New Deal changed role between gov't and business

Now gov't took more active role in business dealings

What "alphabet soup" meant during the Depression

Nickname of all of FDR's programs such as CCC, WPA, AAA, TVA

Causes of Dust Bowl

Overworking farm land, drought

Common thread: minimum wage, deposits insured, pension for elderly

Results of Great Depression through gov't legislation

Changes in movies during Depression

Many in color, happy (and often unrealistic) themes, feature length cartoons (Snow White)

FDR's broadcasts designed to make Americans feel more confident

Fireside Chats

1938 radio broadcast that convinced people Martians had landed in America

War of the Worlds produced by Orson Welles

Name given when stock prices rise

Bull market

Name given when stock market prices fall

Bear Market