

# Roosevelt and the New Deal

(Howarth ch. 26 & Demarco ch. 9)

March 1933 – \_\_\_\_\_ is elected as the new President of the USA (Democrat)

President's slogan: "*the only thing we have to fear is* \_\_\_\_\_"

Some of the major social and economic problems in the USA at this time:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**FDR's first action:** CLOSE THE BANKS (4 days)

Why did he do this?

He also slashed government \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ prohibition.

He used the new medium of \_\_\_\_\_ to broadcast his '*Fireside Chats.*'

What was the purpose of the '*Fireside Chats*'?

What was the result of the '*Fireside Chats*' and 4-day bank closure?

FDR was not a \_\_\_\_\_. He had the Supreme Court to balance his power.

He was powerful however, and his first "\_\_\_\_\_ Days" brought real action:

**NEW DEAL**

- a flurry of new laws
- many agencies created (CCC, NRA, AAA, PWA, TVA, WPA, etc.)
- more agencies in 1934/35 – called the ‘alphabet agencies’ (p. 120-122 grey text)

Generally speaking, what did FDR hope to accomplish by implementing the ‘alphabet agencies’?

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Select five alphabet agencies and briefly describe their purpose:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

- Federal government actions affected the lives of every citizen.
- People adored FDR. What are some things FDR did that increased his popularity?
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_

**There were drawbacks to the New Deal:**

- Rural America: Rules under the AAA made some farmers \_\_\_\_\_ their crops, and/or encouraged them to \_\_\_\_\_.

Then the ‘dustbowl’ hit the USA between \_\_\_\_\_.

**New Deal Opponents:**

- ❖ Huey 'Kingfish' Long – “share the wealth”
- ❖ Charles Coughlin – fascist/anti-communist

why might some people accuse FDR of being a communist?

- ❖ Dr. Francis Townsend – support the elderly! In 1935, FDR appealed to many elderly by introducing the \_\_\_\_\_ which included old-age pensions.
  - ❖ Supreme Court struck down the NRA and threatened other programs. What is the role of the US Supreme Court? \_\_\_\_\_
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Why did the Supreme Court strike down the NRA?

- ❖ Many employers, banks, Republicans, and business owners opposed the NEW DEAL. WHY?

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

In 1936 FDR was reelected in a landslide! More reforms? No. FDR ended the \_\_\_\_\_.

Instead of more NEW DEAL programs, FDR attacked the \_\_\_\_\_

What changes did FDR propose for the Supreme Court?

Why was he criticized for this plan?

What happened in March and April of 1937 that made Roosevelt abandon his Supreme Court plans?

What was FDR's impact on the union movement at this time?

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In 1937 FDR cut spending on the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ and increased taxes ----- USA to another DEPRESSION???

In 1938, he reversed his decision and gave \$1 billion to the \_\_\_\_\_ and \$1.4 billion to the \_\_\_\_\_

How did Hitler take advantage of the problems occurring in the USA?

Did FDR's programs defeat the Depression in the USA? \_\_\_\_\_

What ended the US Depression? \_\_\_\_\_ How/why?