

**Directions:** Find the answers to the questions WITHOUT an answer line in the chart below. You must highlight/underline AND write #\_\_ next to the text. Answer questions WITH an answer line in complete sentences, these require some thinking or defining.

**FDR's New Deal**

“In 1932, Franklin D. Roosevelt promised Americans a ‘New Deal’ to put them back to work.”

FDR's Philosophy:

- Believed the President's task was to find a way back to prosperity
- Marked an end to the view that government and the economy should be separated
- Permanently increased the size and power of the federal government, making it primarily responsible for managing the national economy

FDR's Style:

- Assembled a group of very talented people, known as the ‘Brain Trust’
- In radio addresses known as ‘fireside chats,’ he explained his policies in simple conversational terms to restore public confidence

The First Lady [Eleanor Roosevelt]:

- Political activist, advocated women's rights, peace causes, and social causes
- Greatest contribution → helped create the United Nations and helped write its Declaration of Human Rights

New Deal Legislation:

- Federal Emergency Relief Act (1933) → funded state and local governments to provide emergency relief; hired millions on ‘make-work’ projects
- Public Works Administration (1933) → created federal jobs by building public projects
- Civilian Conservation Corps (C.C.C.) (1933) → gave jobs to young men, such as planting trees and cleaning up forests
- Works Progress Administration (W.P.A.) (1935) → created jobs by hiring artists, writers, and musicians

Bank Holidays: Closed all the nation's banks → each bank was permitted to reopen only after government inspectors found the bank financially sound

Priming the Pump: Believed in pouring money into the economy to get it working again → by putting government money into consumers' hands, consumers would spend more, increasing the demand for products

National Recovery Administration (N.R.A.):

- Asked businesses to voluntarily follow codes which set standard prices, production limits, and minimum wages → found unconstitutional by Supreme Court → federal government had no power to interfere with business within a state

Agricultural Adjustment Acts:

- Government paid farmers to plant less in hope of increasing crop prices → Supreme Court declared it unconstitutional
- But second A.A.A. → succeeded in raising farm prices → government bought farm surpluses and stored them in warehouses until prices went up

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What did FDR promise Americans?</li> <li>2. What did FDR believe about the government?</li> <li>3. Describe the “Brain Trust” and its purpose.</li> <li>4. What were FDR's fireside chats?</li> <li>5. Who was Eleanor Roosevelt and how did she impact world history?</li> <li>6. What was the Federal Emergency Relief Act and what was its purpose?</li> <li>7. What was the Public Works Administration and what was its purpose?</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. What was the Civilian Conservation Corps and what was its purpose?</li> <li>9. What was the Works Progress Administration and what was its purpose?</li> <li>10. Why did FDR believe that bank holidays were necessary?</li> <li>11. Explain “priming the pump.”</li> <li>12. What was the National Recovery Administration and why did the Supreme Court rule it unconstitutional?</li> <li>13. How did the second Agricultural Adjustment Act differ from the first?</li> </ol> |
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14. Why was the first Agricultural Adjustment Act declared unconstitutional, but not the second Agricultural Adjustment Act? \_\_\_\_\_
  15. Were FDR's actions consistent with laissez-faire capitalism? \_\_\_\_\_
  16. Why were FDR's actions inconsistent with laissez-faire capitalism? \_\_\_\_\_
  17. How did the federal government's power increase during the New Deal? \_\_\_\_\_
  18. Roosevelt feared that the Supreme Court might declare other New Deal legislation unconstitutional. In 1937, he proposed to add six new justices to the Supreme Court, to give him control over the Court. FDR's plan for court-packing was condemned by the public and rejected by Congress. Why? \_\_\_\_\_