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Great Depression

Using Discovery Ed core text “American Society Changes”, answer the questions below.

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| **P.1: Herbert Hoover responds to the Great Depression:**1. What was Hoover’s approach to economic policy?
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| 1. What was Hoover’s big fear?
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| 1. What is a “Penny Pantry”?
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| **P.2. A more hands-on approach** |
| 1. Why didn’t the large banks help the struggling small banks?
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| 1. What was the purpose of the RFC?
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| **P.3. The Bonus Army** |
| 1. When and how much were veterans of WWI supposed to get paid as a bonus?
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| 1. What was the public view of President Hoover?
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| **P. 4: American Society Changes**1. In 1933 what percentage of the workforce was unemployed?
2. How many banks failed?
3. What is a Hooverville?
4. What did many jobless people stand in line to get?
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| **P. 5: Dust Bowl**1. How were dust storms created in the Great Plains?
2. What were conditions like during “Black Blizzards”?
3. How did the Dust Bowl affect farmers?
4. What conditions were farmers already dealing with because of the Great Depression?
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| **P. 6: African-Americans and Mexican Americans**1. How did the Great Depression affect the price of crops?
2. How many African American farmers went into debt during the Depression?
3. Complete the slogan on the sign: “No jobs for African Americans \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”
4. Why did Americans push the government to limit immigration?
5. Why were Mexican Americans denied jobs?
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| **P. 8: Escapism**1. How did the Great Depression affect popular culture?
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Franklin Roosevelt became the new president of the USA. He attacked the economic depression by creating a plan called the New Deal. **Go back to Discovery Ed Assignments and open the text titled “The First Hundred Days”.** Fill out the chart below describing a few programs of the New Deal.

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| **Program**  | **Abbreviation** | **Purpose** |
| Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation  |  |  |
| Civilian Conservation Corps |  |  |
| Tennessee Valley Authority |  |  |
| Public Works Administration |  |  |
| Works Progress Administration |  |  |

Once you have finished answering the questions above, go back into Discovery Ed Assignments and look for Historical Perspectives: The Party’s Over. Complete the activity.

**Wrap Up: Should the government go into debt to help the poor? Explain below.**