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Great Depression Worksheet:

**Great Depression:**

*Directions*: Select the best possible answer for the following questions.

1. Which of the following was the part of the federal government’s taxation policy during the 1920s that helped weaken the American economy? \_\_\_\_
	1. Sales taxes were no longer charged on domestic exports.
	2. Stock brokers were charged higher income tax than bankers were.
	3. Taxes on wealthy American and businesses were reduced.
	4. Farmers were taxed on their crops, which led to increased prices.
2. Where did people who needed relief during the Great Depression most generally obtain help? \_\_\_\_
	1. From big business
	2. From other families
	3. From former employers
	4. From the federal government
3. What caused Hoover to take cautious steps in his approach to the Great Depression? \_\_\_\_
	1. His religious beliefs
	2. His political philosophy
	3. His educational background
	4. His lack of leadership experience
4. What was the overall purpose of the Federal Farm Board? \_\_\_\_
	1. To help American farmers market their crops overseas
	2. To help farmers learn how to prevent another Dust Bowl
	3. To use specific economic strategies to help increase crop prices
	4. To persuade the nation’s bank to avoid foreclosures on farmland

*Directions*: Organize the following information either under *Alfred E. Smith* or *Herbert Hoover*.

1. Four-term governor of New York
2. Former secretary of commerce
3. Career Politician
4. Democrat
5. Mining engineer
6. Quiet and reserved

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| Alfred E. Smith | Herbert Hoover |
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*Directions*: Decide if the following statements are *true* or *false*.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Within four years of the stock market crash, 11,000 banks had failed.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Unemployment went from 25 percent in 1929 to 3 percent in 1933.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The Hawley-Smoot Tariff Act was designed to protect American business.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ A major cause of the Great Depression was the unequal distribution of income.
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Men often went years without being able to find work because women took all of the jobs.

**New Deal:**

1. What was the goal of President Roosevelt’s bank holiday and the passage of the Glass-Stegall Act? \_\_\_\_
	1. To reassure corporate leaders issuing stock
	2. To put people back to work as quickly as possible
	3. To provide financial assistance to the unemployed
	4. To reestablish the public’s faith in the financial system
2. How did First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt participate in the New Deal? \_\_\_\_
	1. By calling for a guaranteed annual income
	2. By working with banks to follow new regulations
	3. By advocating for women and the rights of workers
	4. By negotiating contracts between unions and companies
3. How did striking labor unions often prevent companies from using scabs in the 1920s? \_\_\_\_
	1. By damaging factor machines
	2. By refusing to show up for work
	3. By remaining inside their factories
	4. By writing to their congress members
4. How did a large part of the public try to escape the hardships of their lives during the Great Depression? \_\_\_
	1. By attending operas
	2. By watching popular movies
	3. By attending poetry readings
	4. By watching television programs
5. Why did the New Deal end? \_\_\_\_
	1. Leaders wanted to avoid additional deficit spending
	2. Unemployment dropped to an acceptable level
	3. Leaders wanted to raise taxes to pay for new programs
	4. Demand for war materials resulted in new jobs

*Directions*: Match the name of the New Deal program or law into the table to its correct description.

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| 1. AAA \_\_\_\_
 | 1. Provided young people with education, jobs, and counseling
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| 1. CCC \_\_\_\_
 | 1. Raised crops and livestock prices by paying farmers to produce less
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| 1. NYA \_\_\_\_\_
 | 1. Granted money to states to construct schools and community buildings
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| 1. PWA \_\_\_\_
 | 1. Constructed dams to control flooding and provide electricity to rural areas
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| 1. TVA \_\_\_\_
 | 1. Employed young men in project building parks and preventing flooding and soil erosion
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*Directions*: Organize the following information either under *Conservative Criticisms* or *Liberal Criticisms*:

1. The federal government should nationalize the country’s banks.
2. The federal government has too much money control over agriculture and industry.
3. The federal government has taken too much power away from the states.
4. The federal government should grant a monthly pension to people who are retired.

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| *Conservative Criticisms* | *Liberal Criticisms* |
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1. Despite the harsh economic and social conditions during the Great Depression, the arts flourished with many writers and artists producing works of distinction. Pick one of the following and describe it: who wrote it, what was it about, when was it written, etc. 5 sentences!

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| * “This Land is Your Land”
 | * *Their Eyes Were Watching God*
 | * *The Grapes of Wrath*
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| * *American Gothic*
 | * *Native Son*
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