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# GREAT DEPRESSION

In the 1920s, the U.S. economy was booming and the nation's wealth doubled between 1920 and 1929. This period was known as the "Roaring Twenties". It was a time when many Americans had a sense of optimism and excitement. The 1920s was an exciting time with new technologies, automobiles, and changing lifestyles but things quickly changed.

The economy refers to the way a country manages its money and resources to produce, buy and sell goods and services.

The Great Depression began in 1929. The term "Great Depression" reflected the feelings of sadness, gloom, and despair felt by the American people and the economy.

Historians believe there were multiple causes for the Great Depression such as drought, over-spending, overproduction of goods, failures in consumer debt.

Herbert Hoover was the president when the Great Depression began. In 1930, he stated that the U.S. had "passed the worst" and argued that the economy would begin to bounce back. He was wrong. The worst had just begun and lasted until the beginning of World War II in 1939.

In 1933, the Great Depression reached its lowest or worst point. 12 million Americans were unemployed.

The Great Depression began with the crash of the stock market in 1929. The stock market, or the New York Stock Exchange, was on Wall Street in New York City.

On what was later called "Black Tuesday," the stock market lost \$14 billion in one day. The crash of 1929 sent Wall Street into a panic and wiped out millions of investors. Over 11,000 banks failed, leaving many Americans with no savings.

Farmers also experienced a very difficult time. In 1932, a drought hit farms in the Midwest. The drought was a dry spell with no rain that eventually turned the soil into dust. Heavy winds whipped the dry soil into the air causing terrible dust storms.

The dust traveled miles and left blankets of black dust on everything. Crops were ruined and farm animals were killed. With no livestock or crops, farmers lost their homes to bank foreclosures. The Dust Bowl storm destroyed

over 100 million acres of land.

Three million people became homeless and decided to head west away from the devastation and destruction. The Dust Bowl was the area affected by the windstorms, which forced many people to move.

Many citizens blamed President Hoover for the broken economy and he was not re-elected. Democrat, Franklin D. Roosevelt, was elected as the new president of the United States by an overwhelming victory. He had new ideas to beat the recession and restore America. He stated that, "...the only thing we have to fear is fear itself". He promised a "New Deal for the American people."

In the first one hundred days of office, President Roosevelt pushed 15 major laws through to help the people and the economy. The New Deal was a series of laws and programs that would help the country deal with the Great Depression. These new laws placed regulations on the stock market, banks and businesses. The "New Deal" helped people get jobs. It also helped the poor, the hungry and the homeless.

The aggression from Germany led to a war in Europe in 1939. Roosevelt decided to support France and Britain in the conflict against Germany.

American manufacturing, producing and jobs increased. In 1941, the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor led to America's entry into World War II. The nation's factories went back in full production mode.

Author John Steinbeck wrote "Of Mice and Men" and "The Grapes of Wrath" during the Great Depression. His books were about people living in the Midwest and the horrible conditions of the Dust Bowl.

To escape the gloom of the economy, sixty million Americans went to the movies every week. For less than one dollar, a family of four to the

The hit songs "Swing with Me" and "Ain't She a Dime?" by Bing Crosby were the most popular films were "King of the Hill", "Gone with the Wind", "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" and the "Wizard of Oz". The board game Monopoly, released in 1935, became popular because players could win while playing the game.

The "Three Little Pigs" was viewed as a story about the Great Depression. The wolf represented the Depression and the pig represented average citizens who succeeded by working hard. The moral message offered hope to those affected by the economic crisis.

People got news from the radio, including President Roosevelt's "Fireside chats" explaining what was going on in the country.



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