

## Hard Times! The Great Depression Takes Hold

(Directions: Use the source material in the slide presentation to answer the following questions about the beginnings of the Great Depression)

1) Describe two things that had a negative impact on farmers leading up to and during the Great Depression.

a)

b)

2) What were many farmers forced to do when their farms failed?

3) What happened to the Okies who traveled west on Route 66?

4) When the Depression first hit, how did the government help the unemployed?

5) What became a symbol of small business spirit?

6) At its peak in 1933, how high did unemployment rise?

7) What two things worked to bring down unemployment and worked to get people back to work?

a)

b)

8) What happened to those lucky enough to keep their jobs?

9) Describe some of the great lengths people (men mostly) went to find work during the Depression.

a)

b)

10) How did being forced to accept charity affect most people?

11) What new concept (which again is essentially in high use due to current unemployment) was established to feed the hungry?

12) What were used to make or serve as dwellings for the homeless?

13) What were "Hoovervilles"?

14) What was President Herbert Hoover's initial response to the Depression?

15) What was the Reconstruction Finance Corporation (RFC) designed to do?

16) Describe the public opinion surrounding Hoover as the Depression took hold?

17) How did Franklin Roosevelt differ from Hoover in his approach to handling the Depression?

18) What was Roosevelt's promise for America?

19) How decisive was Roosevelt's victory in the 1932 presidential election?

20) Right or wrong, Hoover was blamed for everything that went wrong during the Depression. How does this compare to what is happening now with the COVID-19 pandemic and the current administration?