# The Great Depression Homework Essential Questions

## Chapter 25 Section 1

- 1. Explain how each of the following were causes of the great Depression. \* You will need to research this topic using sources other than your textbook.
  - A. Stock Market Crash of 1929
  - B. Bank Failures
  - C. Reduction in Purchasing Across the Board
  - D. The Smoot-Hawley Tariff
  - E. Drought Conditions in the Midwest
- 2. Describe how the Great Depression effected the lives of Americans in the 1930s.
- 3. What solutions did President Herbert Hoover offer as a solution to the Great Depression?
- 4. Explain the events surrounding the march on Washington by the Bonus Army. What was Hoover's response and how did his handling of the event effect his popularity with Americans?

### Chapter 25 Section 2

- 1. Describe the people and ideas that made up FDR's Brain Trust. What was their plan for ending the Great Depression?
- 2. Explain the effect of the Great Depression on banks and peoples savings.
- 3. Explain the actions taken by FDR to help banks? What effect did his actions have on Americans?
- 4. How did FDR's New Deal differ from President Hoover's ideas of ending the Great Depression?
- 5. Describe two programs passed by FDR during the New Deal which gave American's immediate relief from the problems caused by the Great Depression.
- 6. Describe two programs passed by FDR during the New Deal that helped with economic recovery.
- 7. Describe two programs passed by FDR during the New Deal that were reforms that looked to prevent future depressions.
- 8. What was the overall effect on Americans and the U.S. economy of FDR's New Deal?

### Chapter 25 Section 3

1. Explain the events of the Dust Bowl. What effect did it have on farmers in America?

#### Chapter 25 Section 4

- 1. Who were the opponents of the New Deal and explain the different reasons some people opposed the plan?
- 2. Explain why some people lobbied for the Social Security Act. What were the effects of the law on Americans during the New Deal and today?
- 3. Explain how judicial review effected New Deal legislation?
- 4. Explain what is meant by the term court-packing? Why did FDR try to pack the Supreme Court?
- 5. Why did FDR's plan to pack the Supreme Court fail? What impact would his plan have had on the separation of powers in government?