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**Ch. 24 – The Roaring 20s**

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**Ch. 26 – World War II**

Current Unit:

**Ch. 25 – The Great Depression**

**The Great Depression –** In this chapter you will learn about how Americans coped with the economic problems of the 1930s. You will also read about the Dust Bowl and its effects.

# Vocabulary Terms

**Chapter 25.1**

buying on margin

Black Tuesday

business cycle

Reconstruction Finance Corp.

Bonus Army

Franklin D. Roosevelt

**Chapter 25.2**

Hundred Days/New Deal

fireside chats

Frances Perkins

American Liberty League

Huey Long/Share the Wealth

Eleanor Roosevelt

Wagner Act

CIO/sit-down strikes

“court-packing” bill

**Chapter 25.3**

Dust Bowl

Mary McLeod Bethune/Black Cabinet

John Steinbeck/swing music

**(3) Americans Face Hard Times –** All over the country, Americans struggled to survive the Great Depression.

**(2) Roosevelt’s New Deal –** Franklin Roosevelt’s New Deal included government programs designed to relieve unemployment and help the economy recover.

**(1) The End of Prosperity –** The collapse of the stock market in 1929 helped lead to the start of the Great Depression.

* Severe drought destroyed farms on the Great Plains, which became known as the Dust Bowl.
* Families all over the US faced hard times.
* Depression-era culture helped lift people’s spirits.
* The New Deal had lasting effects on society.
* Congress passed many new programs in the Hundred Days.
* Critics expressed concerns about the New Deal.
* New Deal programs continued though FDR’s first term in what became known as the Second New Deal.
* FDR clashed with the Supreme Court over the New Deal.
* The US stock market crashed in 1929, causing the economy to collapse.
* Many Americans were dissatisfied with Hoover’s reaction to economic conditions.
* Franklin Roosevelt defeated Hoover in the Presidential Election of 1932.

Objective Questions:

1. What were the main causes of the Great Depression?
2. Compare and contrast the reactions of Presidents Herbert Hoover and Franklin Roosevelt to the Great Depression.
3. How effective was the Franklin Roosevelt’s New Deal programs in addresses the problems that Americans faced during the Great Depression?
4. Describe the effects of the Great Depression, many of which can still be felt today.