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**FDR and the New Deal**

The Great Depression is the name given to the worst economic period in the history of the modern world. In the United States, it began in 1929 (following the stock market crash) and lasted throughout the 1930’s. It created problems for the country in several different ways.

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| **Problem area** | **Specific issues of concern**  Can you describe *how* the problem was affecting the country? |
| Unemployment and poverty | * By 1932, it hit 25% * Many others had hours and/or wages reduced * Homelessness and hunger increases |
| Low demand for goods | * Since people were working less, they had less money to spend * Elderly were a big group without $ |
| Agricultural problems | * High supply/low demand left agricultural goods with little value * Dust Bowl destroys farms in the Plains |
| Financial system in crisis | * Bank failures across the country, many people lose savings * Stock market full of dishonest trading * Workers’ wages too low to support economy |
| Low morale | * Economic depression leads to fear and pessimism |

**Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal**

How did the government (led by FDR) address the problems facing the nation in the 1930’s? For your assigned program, identify how the program attempted to deal with some of the problems that caused/resulted from the Great Depression.

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| **Problem area** | **New Deal programs** |
| Unemployment and poverty | * Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) * Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) * Works Progress Agency (WPA) |
| Low demand for goods | * Social Security * Federal Emergency Relief Act (FERA) |
| Agricultural problems | * Agricultural Adjustment Act (AAA) |
| Financial system in crisis | * Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) * Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) * National Labor Relations Act (Wagner Act) * Fair Labor Standards Act |
| Low morale | * Fireside Chats |