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Reading Guide for:
FDR: America Needs a New Deal
&
Hoover: Roosevelt's New Deal Would Harm America

CQ#5: How did the New Deal policies and programs attempt to provide relief, recovery and reform? Which of the policies and programs was most successful?
CQ#6: What was the opposition to the New Deal? Was the New Deal good or bad for the country?

Instructions: Use the following prompts to guide you as you read. After reading both articles, write response of 1 double spaced page.

“America Needs a New Deal”

- (1) What is this source? This source was created/exists in what context?
- (2) Why are the Democrats’ hands “clean”? What have Republicans done to dirty their hands?
- (3) According to FDR, what caused the Depression? How does he characterize the economy of the 20s?
- (4) What are FDR’s stated views on government (at all levels) and taxes?
- (5) What ideas does FDR have regarding unemployment? How well do these ideas align with his ideas about government and taxes?
- (6) What are FDR’s ideas about agriculture? (Consider: drought, overproduction, foreclosure)
- (7) According to FDR, what is the measure of the health of a nation?
- (8) According to FDR, to what extent is government responsible for taking care of the people?
- (9) Throughout, how does FDR characterize the Republicans? According to FDR, what is the fundamental difference between Democrats and Republicans?

“Roosevelt’s New Deal Would Harm America”

- (10) What is this source? This source was created/exists in what context?
- (11) How does Hoover characterize the Democrats’ platform and campaign?
- (12) What does Hoover mean by the “American System”? According to Hoover, what is the “American System”?
- (13) According to Hoover, what is the most important role of government?
- (14) According to Hoover, what is the foundation of the American System?
- (15) According to Hoover, how does big government hurt people? (HINT: Lots of ways)
- (16) What are Hoover’s views on poverty, especially in America?