Viewing Guide for: ROAD to ROCK BOTTOM

<u>CQ1</u>: What were the political, economic, geographic and social problems facing the US as the Great Depression hit and deepened? How did the Depression threaten a fundamental breakdown of American society? Why did such a breakdown fail to happen?

CONSIDER:

- AGRICULTURAL CRISIS & FARMER'S MARCH
- HOOVER'S PHILOSOPHY & LEADERSHIP
- PRETTY BOY FLOYD & CRIME
- BONUS ARMY
- (1) Explain why Red Cross relief efforts were ineffectual. (Include what those efforts were.)

(2) Explain why the media tended to downplay economic problems.

(3) Explain why President Hoover was so reluctant to have government help out struggling farmers.

(4) Explain why accounts of the Farmer's March overblown.

(5) **Explain how the agricultural crisis created larger problems.**

(6) **Explain why there was a dramatic increase in crime during the Depression.**

(7) How did Hoover's actions during the Great Depression backfire on him?

(8) How was the Bonus Army protest uniquely poignant and revealing?