Social Studies Graduation Exam Study Guide
Chapter Nine/Part A: The Great Depression and World War II

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Directions: Answer the following completely as you read pages 122-125 of the grad exam workbook.

1. Describe the wages of the average worker during the Roaring 1920s.

2. During the 1920s, the United States experienced a Bull Market. What is a bull market?

3. How did investors in the stock market during the 1920s buy ‘on the margin’?

4. When did the Stock Market Crash occur during this era?

5. What happened to the investors’ stocks after the crash?

6. What happened to the banks when people began withdrawing their money?

7. Define the Great Depression and when did it occur?

8. What was the biggest problem facing farmers during the 1920s and 1930s?

9. What was the Dust Bowl and where did it occur?

10. Which American president did many people blame for all of the Great Depression?

11. How many businesses closed during the Depression?

12. What are Hoovervilles?

13. Why did many World War One veterans march on Washington D.C. in 1932?

14. How did President Hoover respond to the World War One veterans who camped out in Washington and demanded they receive their bonuses?
15. Who was elected President in 1932 and what type of campaign did he run?

16. What was Roosevelt’s New Deal?

17. During the New Deal, there were three R’s: Relief, Recovery, and Reform. Give a brief explanation of each.

18. Explain the provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act.

19. What was the purpose of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)?


21. The National Labor Relations Act is sometimes called the _____ Act. What did the act create?


23. What was the purpose of the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC)?

24. The FDIC insures depositors up to 100 thousand dollars in case of bank failure. What was the purpose for setting up the FDIC?
25. Explain why the Works Progress Administration (WPA) was so important during the 1930s.

26. What was the result of all of these New Deal projects and programs?

27. When did the Great Depression come to an end?

28. List three films that were popular during the 1930s.

29. Explain how Franklin Roosevelt used radio during the 1930s and 1940s.

30. The 1930s and early 1940s are known as the “golden age of ________.”