



# Modern History General course

The USA between the wars 1918–1941

Externally set task 2018



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In words



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Total time for the task: 50 minutes  
 Total marks: 23 marks  
 Weighting: 15% of the school mark

Use the three sources provided to answer the questions that follow.

**Source 1**

(Cartoon by John Cassel, published in October 1931 in Life magazine. Note the various words and phrases on the signs.)



THE WAY TO PROSPERITY.

**The Way to Prosperity**

**Source 2**

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Source 3

(Photograph of Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR) at a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp in Shenandoah Park, Virginia, taken in 1933 and published widely in American newspapers.)



- New President

Alphabet agencies

getting peoples trust  
visiting them

get America on its feet  
Talking to the people of America

Question 1

(4 marks)

Describe the historical context of Source 1. You should consider the following where appropriate:

- relevant event/s
- significant person/people
- key idea/s in the source.

This message of source one portrays the ideology of the way to prosperity and how it ~~ended~~<sup>started and</sup> ended as the source was created in 1931. The many signs supporting prosperity says "Just around the corner", "Spend", "Hire" all positive phrases that demonstrates the way of prosperity and how rugged individualism links to this source as the American man is looking at the sign demonstrates ideas on how he can prosper and succeed. As in 1931 Herbert Hoover was the president at this time this source was created after the Wall Street crash in 1929 and demonstrates how the man can "prosper" from the crash or go through the "depression" through the other phrases such as "save" "be cautious" as Americans are all for themselves.

## Question 2

(3 marks)

Identify whether Source 2 is a primary or a secondary source. Give **two** reasons to support your response.

Source two is a primary source as it demonstrates Herbert Hoover as a leader and his views after the Wall Street crashed in 1929 and the depression occurred during this period of time as it goes into depth about his views such as "cutting taxes" is his personal view as it's a biography and another reason this is a primary source is that it is a short biography published by the White House the official website

Question 3

(4 marks)

Compare and contrast the message/s of Source 1 and Source 2. You should consider the points of:

- similarity
- difference.

Source one's message is how a man can prosper after the wall street crash through looking at the sign on the source and can go either way. In source two the message is that Hoover said that they were about to triumph poverty... "later the wall street crash occurred and his beliefs and values took place of rugged individualism and local charities were to support the people. Similarity of both these sources it demonstrates rugged individualism and how the people will need to prosper on their own through the depression. A difference is that source one focusses on the individual prospering and source two focusses on the nation prospering on their own the difference is individual vs. nation.



## Question 4

(4 marks)

Explain how useful Source 3 is as historical evidence. You should consider:

- strengths of the source
- weaknesses of the source.

The strength of Source 3 is that it is conveying the Alphabet agencies of the (CCC) and how Roosevelt is visiting them in person to gain trust with the people and gain to put America back on its feet with the 100 Days which is shown in Source three. The weakness of this source is it lacks context such as symbols, signs texts. It just demonstrates the civilians all together with Roosevelt. The usefulness of this source <sup>is that it</sup> demonstrates the time and place which is in 1933, Shenandoah Park Virginia and also shows how Roosevelt got to the people and gained trust with the Americans through his election and the alphabet agencies.

Question 5

(8 marks)

Discuss 'change' in American society during this period. In your response you must:

- identify **two** changes made by leaders shown in the sources (2 marks)
- identify **two** other major changes that occurred in society (2 marks)
- explain the importance of leadership and other major changes, using evidence or examples to support your explanation. (4 marks)

One change that is shown is in source two with Herbert Hoover stating that America is conquering poverty and "ensured prosperity" within months the wall street crashed.

Europe gave America their views but Hoover stuck to his view of rugged individualism and congress opposed him to being a cruel president this lead to his 1932 defeat to Roosevelt which shows change in source three and how he created the 100 Days and the alphabet agencies to get America back on track and supported the people of America. These two changes and views from Herbert and Roosevelt had America in to states one for better and one for worse.

Two other changes in society that occurred were Roosevelt faced the supreme court with his New Deal to help the people but congress declined and was against the New Deal as it was unconstitutional as the (NIRA) National industrial recovery

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Association was against law to interfere with businesses. The Supreme Court and Congress said that Roosevelt was on the way to becoming a dictator. This occurring changed and divided America from those who support it and didn't. Another change in society is that Herbert Hoover and the event of the bonus marchers occurred as after the WWI the veterans were promised a bonus payment from serving they asked Hoover for it early as they weren't getting it till 1945 and he declined they were already suffering after the crash which caused out rage and Herbert signed General McAuliffe to fire arms at his own people. This changed the view on Herbert as a leader.

The importance of leadership is to support and direct your country to the right direction.

After WWI there was a boom in the 1920's which Coolidge was president and America succeeded. Hoover became president the wall street crash occurred America was in a depression "A little too late"

Roosevelt was president and took action to support the people and get America on its feet through 100 Days, New Deal and Alphabet agencies.

These presidents were all leaders some support the people better and country well which is important value of leadership "caring for the people and nation".

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