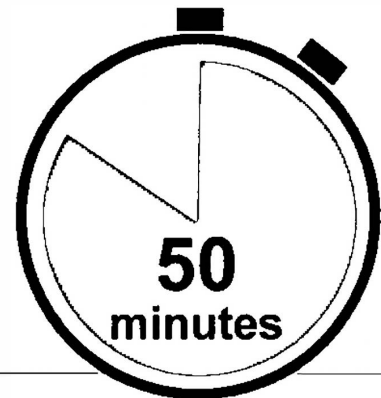




# Modern History General course

The USA between the wars 1918–1941

## Externally set task 2018



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Student number: In figures

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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.)

*Before FDR*



THE WAY TO PROSPERITY.

**The Way to Prosperity**

*• Doesn't know how to recover from G.D.  
 • Stumbling in dark.*

**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.)*



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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.

Why ✓ when ✓  
what ✓ where ✓  
how ✓

In October of 1929, the Stock Market collapsed due to a loss of confidence in the value of shares. During this time Herbert Hoover was president of the United States. A ~~past~~ ~~human~~ member of the Republican party, he believed that with enough time the market would fix itself. By 1931 little had been done to improve the economy and few knew what steps to take in order to improve the economic conditions. This led to a guessing game of what to do, shown in the source by the different signs pointing in all different ways saying things like 'save', 'fix' and 'spend'. As nobody knew which way to go steps to take to fix the economy the way to prosperity was unknown. Hoover did make an attempt to fix the economy but it was too little, too late and he led in 1932 to Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Question 2

(3 marks)

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

Source 2 is a secondary source. This is because it is written after the fact in 1984. Making it possibly inaccurate so it was written by someone who didn't witness the original event. It is also a secondary source because it is a biography written by someone other than and not Heaver himself. This could make the information bias or skewed toward a specific view point depending on where they got their source from.

\* 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 1 is a cartoon by John Cassel published in October 1931 by Life Magazine. It is poking fun at America's economic direction during this period. Source 2 is a directed from the ~~the~~ biography of Herbert Hoover written by Freidel and Sidway. It is from the White House website. Source 1 represents that America and America's are confused about how to fix their economy, not knowing if they should spend or save, hire or fire. but Source 2 shows something different. It shows that Herbert Hoover did know that they had to increase ~~savings~~ spending and tried to introduce government programs to fix this.



## Question 4

(4 marks)

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

- strengths of the source
- weaknesses of the source. - bias.

Source 3 is a photograph of Franklin D. Roosevelt sitting with members of the Civilian Construction Corp in Virginia. It does show the size of the C.C.C. and the amount of new jobs it created for young, single men but the problem is this photo is  staged. It clearly shows how much he was to the presidency of FDR and the New Deal laws he is trying to pass. This is why it has been published across America to paint the president in a reliable light. It does show in a little light the programs and means taken by Roosevelt to battle the depression but because it is staged to show that it makes the impact the photo would of had if it wasn't staged.

Question 5

G.D. '29 - '39.

(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)

During Hoover's presidency (1929 - 1933) did pass a few laws to get the American Economy moving again, like creating the creation of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to help aid businesses to help the economic situation. These programs actually came into effect during Franklin D. Roosevelt's presidency (1933 - 1945). He introduced the First and Second New Deal which led to the creation of a number of agencies like the Civilian Conservation Corp shown in source 3. FDR may of tried to get people back to work but homelessness and unemployment were still high. People were forced to sell everything to make a living. To avoid being homeless people with families set up Hoovervilles, houses made from rubbish. ~~and~~ ~~discontinued~~ High unemployment would persist until the US entry into World War II. FDR in his first 100 days brought an end to prohibition. This meant people could legally drink again. This reintroduced countless of millions of tax dollars and thousands of jobs in the brewery sector. This would help the American economy recover. Hoover tends to be considered a scapegoat for the Great Depression and although considered a bad president for his lack of effort to try and improve the American economy during the great depression. This is in contrast to

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FDR who led his country through the the majority of the Depression and into World War II. FDR is considered to be the savior of the American economy. He introduced countless of measures to try and help the American economy, including the introduction of the C.C.C which provided jobs for unemployed, unmarried men and the AAA which subsidizes farms to grow crops in order to increase savings to hopefully increase spending. Franklin D. Roosevelt is considered one of America's best presidents. He brought the country together with his fireside chats and his speeches during a time when the country was falling apart.

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