

## American History Chapter 17: The Great Depression 1928-1932

U.S. History Objectives, North Carolina SCS

9.05: Assess the impact of New Deal reforms in enlarging the role of the federal government in American life.

9.03: Analyze the significance of social, intellectual, and technological changes of lifestyles in the U.S.

9.02: Analyze the extent of prosperity for different segments of society during this period.

The Great Depression dramatically increased the number of Americans who faced severe economic hardships. In this chapter you will discover the causes of this terrible event, how Americans confronted the challenges of this economic disaster, how the federal & state governments reacted to the demands of its citizens during this economic meltdown.

### Section 1: Causes of the Depression:

- Use web links or the textbook to define the following: Black Tuesday, speculation, business cycle, Hawley-Smoot Tariff
- Compile the graphic organizer located on page 570 to identify the causes of the Great Depression
- Discuss the weakness of the American economy and explain how the stock market crash contributed to the coming of the depression

### Section 2: Americans Face Hard Times:

- Use web links or the textbook to define the following: Dust Bowl, Okies, Hooverville, tenant farmer, bread line
- Create a Venn diagram as illustrated on page 577, note how the depression affected both urban and rural America
- Explain the human geographic factors that created the Dust Bowl.

### Section 3: Hoover's Response Fails:

- Use web links or the textbook to define the following: trickle-down economics, Hoover Dam, Bonus Army, Douglas MacArthur
- Use the outline template located on page 588 to outline details about President Hoover's response to the depression
- Describe how Americans reacted to Hoover's relief programs