

What is the responsibility of government?

(PO: Compare Hoover and Roosevelt conceptions/ active government)

Do Now:

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What is happening in the United States from 1929-1933?

Why is this problem even more serious than the numbers show?

- a generation out of work
- impact on families/youth
- competition for remaining jobs

Mot: Why is it so difficult to solve the economic problems of the United States today? - uncertainty principle of the atom/ impact in one area/ different goals

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What is the Republican conception of the role of government?

Is this a progressive idea?

Why was Hoover unable to address the problem of growing unemployment?

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What does FDR promise to do?

How are his ideas different from Hoover's?

What is the democratic conception of government?

Summary: Why did the Democrats have a tremendous appeal in 1932?

Application: Photos of the 1920's

What will happen in the US today?

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- a Great Depression Debate**

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