

Humanities

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Read “Soldiers of Misfortune (Bonus Army)” and answer the following questions.

1. Should the Bonus Army have been driven out of the capital? Why or why not? (2 points)

2. After the defeat of the bonus bill, Waters did all that he could to keep the men in Washington to continue demonstrating for the bonus. Was Waters wrong to do that? Why or why not? (2 points)

3. President Hoover was angered that General MacArthur did not obey his orders, but did not publicly tell anyone that it had happened. Instead he publicly said that he supported MacArthur’s actions and reasons. We do not know why Hoover acted that way.

Should the president have punished MacArthur for disobedience? Why or why not? Write a 4-5 sentence paragraph answer. (3 points)

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4. One of the controversies surrounding the Bonus Army concerned what special benefits should be given to military veterans by the government. There was general agreement that veterans should get some benefits, but disagreement as to what those benefits should be.

Which, if any, of the following types of benefits do you think should be given to veterans? Explain your reasoning for each benefit. (3 points)

- a. Medical expenses for injury or illness suffered while in the military.
- b. Medical expenses for any injury or illness whether or not suffered while in the military.
- c. Money to help pay for the higher education of veterans.
- d. Preferential treatment when competing with nonveterans for government jobs.