

VIDEO NOTES

"1929-1936: Stormy Weather"

1. List 5 effects the Great Depression had on America.

- a. uprising - Bonus March
- b. millions of Amer. could not provide for their families
- c. people lost businesses - no food - 1/2 of the country's mortgages in default
- d. bankruptcies, layoffs - no credit
- e. people lost farms - banks failed - 9 million savings accounts wiped out

This generation has a strong belief in self-reliance - "I am to blame for this!"

2. The Great Depression was the first time that more people were leaving than coming to America. To what country were most of these Americans going and why?

100,000 moved to Soviet Union to help build communism (jobs available)

3. What effect did the Depression have on Germany?

→ leads to the rise of Hitler dangerous - already harsh conditions from WWI - protests, street fights, - lots of unrest - needed a powerful leader

- did not know how to ask for help & the nat'l gov't didn't know how to offer it

4. List 2 examples of Americans' reactions to Herbert Hoover during the Depression.

- a. Hoover's name synonymous w/ failure
- b. People felt like he did not do enough to ease the suffering

5. List 3 reasons for Franklin D. Roosevelt's popularity.

- a. Charm - was not Hoover
- b. optimistic - personal ("my friends")
- c. confident - took decisive action (bank holiday)

6. Why was there so much labor unrest during the 1930s?

B/C workers were so angry - wanted unemployment benefits - frustration - demonstrations, strikes

7. Why did Huey Long concern the government in Washington?

- he wanted absolute power - contempt for democr. processes - FDR privately calling him "the most dangerous man in America" by 1935

8. What effect did the New Deal programs have on America?

- put people to work & gave relief in different areas - transformed country's landscape

work stoppages

by 1936, visible signs of progress