

Suffering & Hope in the Great Depression

Document-based Question

Historical Context: After the crash of the stock market in 1929, the Great Depression began. The depression brought devastation to the economy of the United States and resulted in severe problems for the American people. Throughout the 1930s the American people and the government dealt with the depression in various ways.

Using the information from the documents and your knowledge of United States history, write an essay in which you answer the following prompt.

To what extent did people deal with their own problems during the Great Depression, and to what extent did the New Deal help them to recover?

Step 1 – Analyze each document individually and answer the short answer questions.

Step 2 – Plan the topics and documents you will use in three (3) body paragraphs of a five paragraph essay. You must use at least five of the documents.

Step 3 – Write a thesis statement that you will use in your introductory paragraph.

Step 4 – In-class DBQ Essay test on Monday February 5th

In your essay be sure to:

- Incorporate information from at least 5 documents
- Incorporate relevant information learned in class/the textbook
- Support your thesis with relevant facts, specific examples, and explanations of how they relate to your thesis
- Organize your essay with an introduction, three body paragraphs, and a conclusion
 - Introduction should introduce the reader to the Great Depression and state a clear thesis that introduces subtopics
 - Conclusion should summarize the main points of the essay and restate the thesis

DBQ Essay Rubric

Introduction.....	____/10
1 st body paragraph	
Examples used.....	____/10
Documents used.....(5 pts each)...	____/
Explanation of examples and documents.....	____/10
2 nd body paragraph	
Examples used.....	____/10
Documents used.....(5 pts each)...	____/
Explanation of examples and documents.....	____/10
3 rd body paragraph	
Examples used.....	____/10
Documents used.....(5 pts each)...	____/
Explanation of examples and documents.....	____/10
Conclusion.....	____/05