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Roots of the Great Depression

The Great Depression: An Overview

Instructions: Read the sections "What caused the Great Depression" and "Money, Banking, and Deflation" in the red book (pages 128-9), and answer the following questions.

1. What event is often the first to come to mind when people think of the Great Depression?
2. Was the crash big enough to cause the Great Depression?
3. What specific trade policies do some economists suggest were the cause of the Great Depression?
4. Were protectionist trade policies alone enough to cause the Great Depression?
5. What were some of the excesses of the 1920s that some economic historians suggest caused the Great Depression?
6. What is the one explanation for the Great Depression that has stood the test of time?
7. What happens if the money supply (stock) shrinks?

Stock Market: Build Up

Key Terms	The Story

Stock Market: Fall Down

Key Terms	The Story

Primary Source Analysis:

Who was at fault for the crash, investors buying at the margin or brokers that encouraged them?

Roots: Uneven Income

Key Terms	The Story

Roots: Foreign Trade Policy

Key Terms	The Story

Roots: Bank Failures and the Federal Reserve

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