

**Great Depression**  
**Pre-Assessment and Video Preview**

**Part I: True or False**

Directions: Please read the statements carefully and decide if you think it is True or False.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ The stock market crash marked the beginning of the Great Depression.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ The U.S. was the only nation in the 1930s that had severe economic problems.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ President FDR was reelected four times during his Presidential career during the Great Depression and WWII.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ The collapse of the stock market was the only cause of the Great Depression.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ President Hoover's advisors believed that the economy would recover on its own.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ During the Depression, unemployment was never higher than 15%.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Unequal distribution of wealth increases consumer spending.

**Part II: Multiple Choice**

Directions: Please read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Businesses were hurt by the stock market crash because they
  - a. Lost their savings in the failed banks and had to close or cut back
  - b. Hand lent their money to foreign countries and were not paid back
  - c. Had no workers to make goods
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Which group suffered in the environmental disaster – the Dust Bowl?
  - a. Scientists
  - b. Farmers
  - c. Factory workers
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Herbert Hoover lost the election in 1932 mainly because Americans
  - a. Thought he would raise taxes
  - b. Thought he would spend too much government money
  - c. Americans lost confidence in him or blamed him for the Depression
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Which of the following is a lasting effect of the New Deal?
  - a. Workplace safety
  - b. Clean air and water
  - c. Protection of bank savings
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Which of the following was not a cause of the Great Depression?
  - a. Overproduction of goods at a time when the market for those goods was shrinking
  - b. High unemployment forced businesses to pay their workers less
  - c. Declining world trade hurt American manufacturers
  - d. Decreased consumer spending hurt American businesses