

U.S. History  
Chapter 14 and 15 Test

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Ideas. Write the Letter of the best answer.

1. Which of the following increased in the 1920s?
  - A. Farmers' debts
  - B. Prices for farm products
  - C. Foreign demand for U.S. farm products
  - D. Domestic demand for U.S. farm products
2. Which was **not** a cause of the Great Depression?
  - A. The availability of easy credit
  - B. A growing number of homeless people
  - C. A crisis in the farm sector
  - D. Tariffs on foreign goods
3. Which was **not** a cause of the Dust Bowl?
  - A. Thick layers of prairie grasses
  - B. Overproduction of crops
  - C. High winds
  - D. Drought
4. Who made up the Bonus Army that marched on Washington?
  - A. Farmers forced off their land by dust storms
  - B. Business and labor leader who agreed to work tighter
  - C. World War I veterans and their families
  - D. Unemployed industrial workers and their families
5. Which candidates ran for president in 1932?
  - A. Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover
  - B. Herbert Hoover and Alfred E. Smith
  - C. Herbert Hoover and Franklin D. Roosevelt
  - D. Calvin Coolidge and Franklin D. Roosevelt
6. What name was given to the men and boys who rode the rails as they searched for work?
  - A. Speculators
  - B. Bonus Marchers
  - C. Hoboes
  - D. Okies

7. Which of the following describes a government system for giving payments or food to the poor?
  - A. Rugged individualism
  - B. Direct relief
  - C. Price support
  - D. Bonus Army
8. In calling shantytowns “Hooverilles,” people conveyed their
  - A. Grudging respect for Hoover
  - B. Patriotism
  - C. Disgust with Hoover
  - D. Trust in Hoover
9. The aim of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act was to
  - A. Increase the value of the homes and farms
  - B. Make it easier for banks to foreclose on farms and homes
  - C. Prevent farmers and homeowners from losing their property
  - D. Encourage new construction
10. One long-range effect of the Great Depression was that many people
  - A. Grew to like President Hoover
  - B. Developed habits of saving and thriftiness
  - C. Became risk takers in the stock market
  - D. Came to believe in small government
11. Within a few years, the Hawley-Smoot Tariff Act helped led to
  - A. A dramatic drop in world trade
  - B. Hoover’s reelection as president
  - C. More demand for American manufactured goods
  - D. An unequal distribution of income in the United States
12. All of the following were important causes of the Great Depression **except**
  - A. Both individuals and businesses built up large debts because of easy credit
  - B. The stock market crashed
  - C. The federal government did not insure people’s bank accounts
  - D. Tariff on foreign imports were lowered
13. During the Great Depression, the overall unemployment rate was about
  - A. 25 percent
  - B. 75 percent
  - C. 10 percent
  - D. 100 percent

14. What was the first major action Roosevelt took as president
  - A. He closed all of the nation's banks and ordered inspections.
  - B. He called the first meeting of the "Brain Trust."
  - C. He established the Civil Works Administration to provide job relief
  - D. He proposed a reorganization of the Supreme Court
15. Who was the first woman to serve in the cabinet?
  - A. Frances Perkins
  - B. Arlene Francis
  - C. Mary McLeod Bethune
  - D. Eleanor Roosevelt
16. Which of the following was a goal of the New Deal?
  - A. Decrease prices of farm goods
  - B. Increase crop production
  - C. Deregulate the nation's banking system
  - D. Regulate the stock market
17. Which of the following was the main objective of the Agricultural Adjustment Act?
  - A. To raise the price of farm products.
  - B. To provide pension for retired farmers
  - C. To increase farm production
  - D. To encourage more people to enter farming
18. What role did Eleanor Roosevelt play in the Roosevelt administration?
  - A. She served as a cabinet member.
  - B. She was an important advisor on domestic policy
  - C. She focused on being an excellent hostess
  - D. She was an important advisor for foreign policy
19. Which of the following reached a new high during Roosevelt's first term as president?
  - A. Per capita income
  - B. Tariff rates
  - C. The national debt
  - D. Employment rates
20. Which of the following of Roosevelt's ideas failed to become a law?
  - A. Federally supported loans for housing
  - B. The creation of federally supported pension program
  - C. The establishment of regional planning authorities
  - D. The reorganization of the Supreme Court
21. By decreasing farm surpluses, New Deal policies helped to

- A. Increase the food supply
  - B. Raised the prices of farm goods
  - C. Combat the effects of the Dust Bowl
  - D. Lower the cost of food
22. \_\_\_\_\_ claimed that the New Deal policies were inadequate and proposed a social program called Share-Our-Wealth
- A. Charles Coughlin
  - B. Huey Long
  - C. John L. Lewis
  - D. Francis Townsend
23. The Federal Emergency Relief Administration was most helpful to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. The unemployed, the aged, and the ill
  - B. Politicians and business owners
  - C. Farmers in isolated rural areas
  - D. Mass-production industrial workers
24. The American public perceived many characteristics in President Roosevelt, but \_\_\_\_\_ was probably not one of them.
- A. Determination
  - B. Compassion
  - C. Self-confidence
  - D. Economic conservatism
25. Of the following New Deal policies, \_\_\_\_\_ had the biggest long-term impact on the American economy.
- A. Social Security Act
  - B. Federal Emergency Relief Administration
  - C. Civilian Conservation Corps
  - D. Tennessee Valley Authority
26. An example of the psychological stress caused by the Great Depression was the rise in the number of \_\_\_\_\_
- A. People who committed suicide
  - B. Men who stood in bread lines
  - C. Women who worked outside the home.
  - D. Children who were malnourished
27. Which of the following was **not** an effect of the Great Depression?
- A. Many children had a poor diet
  - B. Many families became homeless
  - C. Many men became unemployed
  - D. Many people started farming

If the statement is true, write “true” on the line. If it is false, change the underlined word or words to make it true.

Example: The first president of the United States was George Washington.  
True

Example: President John F. Kennedy resigned from office following the Watergate scandal.  
Richard Nixon

28. An unintended effect of the Hawley-Smoot Tariff Act was a substantial decrease in U.S. exports. \_\_\_\_\_

29. American industries first began to show signs of economic trouble after 1929. \_\_\_\_\_

30. The main purpose of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was to give emergency help to farmers. \_\_\_\_\_

31. During the Depression, charitable organization tried to help the urban poor by opening soup kitchens.  
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32. President Hoover supported direct relief. \_\_\_\_\_

33. The farmers and sharecroppers who left the Dust Bowl to find work in the west were known as hoboes.  
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\_\_\_\_\_ 34. Black Tuesday was the day that President Hoover forced the Bonus Army to disband. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 35. The stock market crash of 1929 was fueled by price supports, unwise investments that people hoped would make them rich overnight.  
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What are Questions

1. Explain “priming the pump.”

2. Give an example of Direct Relief.

3. Who won the Presidential election of 1928?
4. What was the term for useless, worthless, nonsense jobs created in the Depression?
5. What was the term for spending more money than you bring in?
6. What was the media created term for FDR's cabinet?
7. Explain Rugged Individualism.
8. What issue did FDR make his top priority when he took office?
9. Who won the Presidential election of 1932?
10. What was the term for all of FDR's programs?
11. Explain the term, "First 100 Days."

12. What were FDR's radio broadcasts known as?

13. What were the three R's of FDR's programs?

14. Explain why FDR wanted to pack the Supreme Court.

49. Explain buying on margin.

#### The Three R Section

1. AAA

2. PWA

3. SEC

4. FDIC

5. HOLC

Essay Question

6. The New Deal and all of its programs certainly changed America, and specifically how our American Government takes care of its people. Some people are critical of the New Deal and its impact on America and some people are champions of the New Deal its impact. Please explain how you feel about the impact of the New Deal on America.