

United States History
Chapter 12 – The Great Depression 1928 – 1932
Outline

I. Causes of the Depression

A. Prosperity Hides Trouble

1) Optimism Sweeps Hoover to Victory

2) Problems Plague the Agricultural Sector

3) Wealth is Distributed Unevenly

4) Easy Credit Hides Problems

B. The Stock Market Crashes

C. The Great Depression Begins

1) The Banks collapse

2) Businesses Close and Unemployment Rises

3) Tariffs Add to the Woes

4) The Depression Goes Global

D. What Caused The Great Depression

II. Americans Face Hard Times

A. Misery and Despair Grip American Cities

1) Searching for a Job and a Meal

2) Descending into Poverty

3) Looking for a Place to Live

B. Poverty Devastates Rural America

1) Commodity Prices Plunge

2) Farmers Lose Their Farms

3) The Great Plains Become a Dust Bowl

4) Desperation Causes Migration

C. Few Americans Escape Hard Times

1) The Depression Attacks Family Life

2) Minorities Suffer Hardships

III. Hoover's Response Fails

A. Cautious Response to Depression Fails

1) Hoover Turns to Volunteerism

2) Volunteerism Fails to Bring relief

B. Hoover Adopts More Activist Policies

C. Americans Protest Hoover's Failures

1) Some Urge Radical Change

2) The Bonus Army Marches on Washington

3) Hoover Orders the Bonus Army Out

4) The Aftermath Dooms Hoover
