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# READING LIKE A HISTORIAN



## New Deal (SAC) (11.6.4)

### Background

In late October 1929 panic over the economic situation led to the great crash of the stock market. This massive selling of stocks wiped out many who had invested in their money in the market. The Crash had a ripple effect throughout the economy. Businesses would begin to cut back on production and employees. Banks would fail when its depositors came demanding to withdraw their cash, many of whom would be too late and lose everything. The new president, Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed a massive government aid program aimed at fixing the problems of the Great Depression.

### Prompt:

Was the New Deal a success or failure?

#### Task:

In a well thought out essay:

- Write a claim in response to the prompt.
- Support your claim by using at least five pieces of evidence from the documents, background reading, and additional research on the impact of New Deal programs.
- Be sure to explain how the evidence you have chosen supports your claim
- Incorporate at least two additional pieces of evidence from the documents and/or your research that argues against your claim and use your evidence to counter that opposing claim.