



## Social Security (11.6.4)

### Background:

The suffering that came with the Great Depression affected all levels of society. The elderly were hit especially hard and this inspired Roosevelt and members of his administration to find a way to assist them. The Social Security Act was their answer and after much debate it was signed into law on August 14, 1935.

### Prompt:

Which historical account of Social Security is more accurate?

### 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 how people viewed the passage of the Social Security Act.
- 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.