



## Hoover vs. Roosevelt



|   | <b>Herbert Hoover</b><br>(March 4, 1929 – March 4, 1933)   | <b>Franklin D. Roosevelt</b><br>(March 4, 1933 – April 12, 1945)  |
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| <b>Personality traits that came to bear on his philosophy of govt.:</b> | <p>Born to Quaker parents in Iowa, father was a blacksmith, both parents died before he was 9 yrs. Old, raised by uncle, attended night school for high school, graduated from Stanford University. Worked for private engineering firms until WWI, when he became head of the U.S. Food Administration and later head of the American Relief Administration in Europe. Sec.of Commerce under Harding and Coolidge.</p> <p>“Rugged individualism”</p> <p>Believed _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Self-reliance, made his own fortune/luck</p> | <p>Born and raised in a wealthy NY family, attended Groton and then Harvard (editor of the Crimson), married Eleanor (political power couple – his cousin!!! She was his 5<sup>th</sup> cousin once removed but still...)</p> <p>Attended law school, worked in corporate law. NY senator, Asst. Sec. of the Navy in WWI, then Governor of NY. Maintained a long-standing affair with “Mrs. Johnson” (Eleanor’s social secretary.)</p> <p>Suffered from _____, crippled in 1921. FDR never accepted his permanent paralysis.</p> <p>“The only thing we have to fear is fear itself”</p> <p>Surrounded himself with able, intellectual crop of men and men and women to tackle the Depression – otherwise known as the “_____”</p> <p>Likeable, personable, broad smile, enthusiastic, energetic</p> |
| <b>Philosophy on government:</b>  | <p>Pro-American work ethic (MEANING?)</p> <p>Changes in the business cycle are natural - don’t meddle, let things take their course.</p> <p>Laissez-faire (MEANING?)</p> <p>Favored a balanced budget (MEANING?)</p>   | <p>Favored <b>deficit spending/priming the pump</b> (MEANING?)</p> <p>Believed it was the govt’s job to be involved in people’s lives and to improve their quality of life.</p>   |



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| <p><b>Actions taken to help solve the economic crisis:</b></p> | <p>Trickle-down economics - <u>Reconstruction Finance Corporation</u>:</p> <p>Voluntary action</p> <p><u>Hawley-Smoot Tariff</u>: (DEFINE)</p> <p>Promoted federal public works projects:</p> | <p>Ready to experiment with government involvement and controls on business</p> <p><u>Fireside Chats</u> (DEFINE)</p> <p>Plan to cure the Depression was known as the <u>New Deal</u> (a series of government funded agencies designed to provide the American people with relief in the form of aid and new jobs, as well as reform those problems which led to the Depression.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complex approach which included both direct federal action and money to provide relief from the Depression.</li> <li>- The New Deal was often referred to as <u>Alphabet Soup</u> – WHY?</li> </ul> <p><u>Direct relief</u></p> <p><i>MORE ON THE NEW DEAL TO COME IN CLASS.</i></p> |
| <p><b>Public perception:</b></p>                               |   |   |