**FDR and the New Deal**

* FDR promised relief (direct aid, money, loans) recovery (abandoned gold standard, created jobs, Federal Housing Act, AAA), and reform (Fair Labor Standards Act, Social Security, TVA)

**Dust Bowl**

* dust storms on the Great Plains because of severe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* farmers experienced decline in rainfall, overproduction, and foreclosures
* 350 million tons of top soil was carried to the east coast
* in one storm, people in NYC had to turn on streetlights during the day
* the land couldn’t support human activity so…
* Okies fled their farms and took Route 66 to California to find work
* John Steinbeck’s book *The Grapes of Wrath* details their plight

**What was going on in the nation?**

* divorce rates increase
* suicide rates increase
* marriage and birth rates decreases

**Influential people**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-first woman Cabinet member
* Secretary of Labor
* His wife, Eleanor Roosevelt, acted as FDR’s eyes and ears by traveling across the country
* she traveled 50,000 miles during his Presidency
* (FDR got polio at age 39 and he was paralyzed from the waist down)
* FDR gathered a “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” as soon as he was elected
	+ professors, lawyers, labor leaders who could advise him on what to do

**F.D.R.**

* March 4, 1933-millions gather around the radio to hear his inaugural address
* FDR met with advisors instead of attending his own inaugural ball where he served cold chicken salad
* He called a special session of Congress from March to June called the ­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Fireside chats-Roosevelt’s radio broadcasts from the White House to keep Americans informed
	+ *“I never saw him, but I knew him”*

**The New Deal**

* 1933-Roosevelt’s series of reform programs to address challenges of the Great Depression
* government was concerned with the welfare of the poor

**New Deal programs**

* CCC-Civilian Conservation Corps
	+ provided work to men ages 18-25
	+ planted trees, reforestation, worked in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* TVA-Tennessee Valley Authority
	+ one of the most successful New Deal programs
	+ built a series of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_to control flooding, reduced erosion, created hydroelectric power
* AAA-Agricultural Adjustment Act
	+ government gave farmers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (subsidy) to grow less crops
	+ drove prices up because there was more demand
* FDIC-Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, insures bank deposits up to $100,000 per account

**The Second New Deal, 1934**

* Social Security-a pension plan for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ workers
	+ government protected the welfare of the elderly
* WPA-Works Progess Administration
	+ provided 8.5 million jobs
	+ building hospitals, roads, bridges, schools, airports
* Federal Project One
	+ part of the WPA
	+ provided jobs for 40,000 artists, photographers, musicians, and actors to “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

**New Deal critics**

* Senator Huey Long-Share our Wealth Program
	+ every American would get $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to buy a home and $2500 cash
	+ to do this, he proposed heavy taxes on wealthy Americans
* Dr. Francis Townsend
	+ he thought the New Deal went too far
	+ he wanted a “$200 a month” program for the elderly
* some people thought the New Deal gave the President too much \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Presidential election of 1936**

* FDR got 523 electoral votes, opposition got 8 (most lopsided election in history)

**New Deal/F.D.R Controversies**

* FDR tried to pack the Supreme Court
	+ wanted to add 6 more justices who were favorable to New Deal legislation
	+ rejected by Congress
	+ made the Supreme Court more favorable to the New Deal

**Effects of the Depression**

* We established government safeguards against another Depression (FDIC, etc.)
* expanded the role of the federal gov’t and the President