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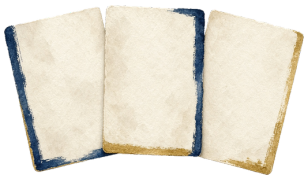
The New Deal Playbook

Resolved: The New Deal helped end the Great Depression.

PRO: THE NEW DEAL HELPED END IT

Name _____ Period _____ Position _____

4 · Claim & Support Drills 6 QUESTIONS



Pick the best answer. Circle one letter.

1. Which evidence best supports this claim? "The New Deal years brought fast economic growth."

(A) Roosevelt won the 1936 election by a landslide.

(B) The NRA set codes for more than 500 industries.

(C) Real GDP grew about 9 to 13 percent a year in 1934–36.

(D) Unemployment was 14.3% in 1937 on the older count.

2. Which claim does this evidence support? "Counting WPA workers as employed, unemployment fell from about 21% in 1933 to about 9% in 1937."

(A) The New Deal reduced unemployment more than the older numbers show.

(B) World War II ended the Depression.

(C) The New Deal raised taxes.

(D) The NRA kept wages too high.

3. **A Con player says: "Unemployment was still over 17% in 1939." Which is Pro's strongest answer?**

(A) The Con player is biased.

(B) That number counts millions of paid WPA workers as unemployed; counting them as working, it was about 11%.

(C) Unemployment is not important.

(D) Hoover was worse.

4. **Why is this weak support for a Pro claim? "The stock market doubled in a few months in 1933."**

(A) Stocks never doubled in 1933.

(B) Only a small share of Americans owned stock, so it says little about most people.

(C) It is from a Con source.

(D) Stocks have nothing to do with the economy.

5. **Which evidence best supports this claim? "The 1937–38 recession happened because the government pulled back."**

(A) GDP fell every year from 1930 to 1933.

(B) Roosevelt cut spending in 1937 to balance the budget, and the economy dropped.

(C) The WPA hired writers to record folklore.

(D) Social Security passed in 1935.

6. **Which statement is a claim, not evidence?**

(A) The FDIC was created in 1933.

(B) Unemployment was 24.9% in 1933 on the older count.

(C) Real GDP grew 12.9% in 1936.

(D) The New Deal helped end the Great Depression.

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