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Period _____

US History

Great Depression

THEMATIC ESSAY QUESTION

Historical Context:

Following the economic boom of the 1920s, the United States entered a period of prolonged economic depression. During the Roosevelt Administration, several economic initiatives were developed to limit the effects of the Great Depression and allow the American economy to prosper once again.

Task:

Using your knowledge of United States history and government, answer the questions that follow in the form of an essay:

Describe two economic issues which led to the Great Depression. For each:

- Explain some of the hardships experienced during the Great Depression as a result of the economic issue
- Evaluate the overall effectiveness of the New Deal in helping to resolve the issue

Suggestions include:

- Farmers (Dust Bowl, farm foreclosures)
- Stock Market (stock speculation, buying on margin)
- Unemployment

Economic Issue	Explain Issue	Hardships faced because of issue	Was the New Deal effective at dealing with the issue (explain)

