

FDR’s New Deal

Once FDR was elected to office he realized that a drastic new economic policy would have to be implemented in order to try and get the American economy to recover from the Great Depression. He decided to turn to what would be a very socialist policy in an attempt to get as many Americans as he could back to work. The New Deal would be a very polarizing policy for America; the left would see it as a great opportunity to change American policy for good, the right would see it as a waste of money and as the government meddling with the free market economy.

For this assignment you must answer the following questions in the form of a well-written, historical 5 paragraph essay.

Why was the New Deal such a radical policy at the time? What did it consist of and to what extent did it improve the lives of Americans during the Great Depression?

Assessment Rubric

	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Approaching Expectations	Incomplete/Does Not Meet Expectations
Plausibility of why the policy was so radical	There is a very detailed explanation on why the policy was so radical at the time	There is good discussion on why the policy was considered to be so radical, with mention of the era it was in	There is discussion on why the policy was so radical but it is not considered within the era for which it occurred	There is only brief mention of why the policy was considered to be so radical
Explanation of what the New Deal consisted of	Every part of the New Deal has been explained thoroughly	Most aspects of the New Deal has been explained	Parts of the New Deal have been explained	There is no mention of the different parts of the New Deal
Answering a “to what extent” question	Both sides of the argument have been explained with thorough discussion on why the essay chose the side it did	Both sides of the argument have been briefly touched upon, with explanation on why the essay chose the side it did	Only one side of the argument was thoroughly discussed	Only one side of the argument was briefly discussed
Plausibility on the decision whether the New Deal improved the lives of Americans	The argument being presented is highly plausible and backed up by appropriate evidence	The argument being presented is plausible and is supported by evidence	The argument being presented is plausible	The argument being presented is not plausible and there is no evidence to present to backup the decision

Total: /16 marks