**Reading Questions for Unit 3B: The 1930s**

**22.2: Hardship and Suffering During the Depression**

1. What are shantytowns and how did the unemployed get food? (p.679)
2. What was the advantage rural areas had over urban areas? How did the Dust Bowl change this? Which parts of the country were most affected? (p.679-680)
3. Describe two of the hardships experienced by women and by children. Was there anything they could do about their situation? (p.681-682)

**22.3: Hoover Struggles with the Depression**

1. Explain how Hoover’s belief in “rugged individualism” affected the actions he took during the beginning of the depression. How were Americans expressing their anger towards Hoover by 1930? (p. 685-686)
2. Describe the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. What was the criticism of this program? (p.687)
3. Why did Hoover use gas to disband the Bonus Army? What was the result? (p. 688-689)

**23.1: A New Deal Fights the Depression**

1. Explain the significance of FDR’s fireside chats. (p. 696)
2. The three main goals of the New Deal programs were Relief for the needy, economic Recovery, and financial Reform. For each goal, explain one program that addressed that goal. (p.696-698)
3. What is deficit spending and how did Roosevelt and John Maynard Keynes feel about it? (p.698)
4. Describe the power struggle between FDR and the Supreme Court in the mid-30s: What New Deal programs were declared unconstitutional and on what grounds? How did FDR react? (p.699)

**23.2: The Second New Deal Takes Hold**

1. What measures were taken during the Second New Deal to increase assistance to farmers and other workers? (p. 702-704)
2. How did the Wagner Act and *NLRB v. Jones and Laughlin Steel* affect labor unions? What act finally established federal regulations on work hours, minimum wages, and child labor? (p.705, 708-709)
3. What were the three major parts of the Social Security Act? How was this significant for the American people as a whole? (p.707)

**23.3: The New Deal Affects Many Groups**

1. Why did so many African Americans support the Roosevelt administration, even though no progress was made on civil rights? Why didn’t FDR push for civil rights? (p.711-712)
2. Describe the effects of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934. (p.713)
3. What groups supported the Democratic Party in the Election of 1936, and why? (p.713, 715)

**23.4: Culture in the 1930s**

1. Why did the movie and radio industries flourish during the Great Depression? (p.717)
2. What themes were evident in the art and music of the 1930s? (p.718-719)

**23.5: The Impact of the New Deal**

1. Describe the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Securities and Exchange Commission. (p.723)
2. Read the section on supporters and critics of the New Deal, the Point/Counterpoint box, and the Deficit and Unemployment charts. Which position do you agree with based on the evidence presented in the reading? (p. 722-723)