

Academic Vocabulary Activity 9 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

The Great Depression, 1929–1932

Key Words

Academic Words	Content Vocabulary
community	Dust Bowl
construction	Hoovervilles
expose	bull market
reaction	
sufficient	
suspend	
trigger	
utilities	
vision	

A. WORD MEANING ACTIVITY

Vocabulary in Context

Directions: Using the context clues, fill in the blanks with one of these academic or content words.

communities, construction, expose, reaction, sufficient, suspended, triggered, utilities, vision

When Herbert Hoover became president in 1928, his (1) _____ for the United States was optimistic. The situation changed in 1929 with the Great Depression. The most serious problem occurred when banks (2) _____ operation, which (3) _____ a recession. The stock market crash helped (4) _____ many of the problems in the economic system. Hoover established the Reconstruction Finance Commission, but it failed to provide loans in (5) _____ amounts to cover the needs, and the economy continued to decline. Homeless people put up shacks on public lands, forming (6) _____ called shantytowns or Hoovervilles. Later that year Congress passed an act to provide (7) _____ jobs for people through government programs. The programs included (8) _____ projects. However, Hoover was unable to solve the crisis of the Great Depression, and the (9) _____ of the public was negative.

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