

Great Depression Notes - US History

Sec. 4

1. Politically, Comm's and Socialists saw memberships grow.
2. Political cartoons and other jokes about Hooverilles and Hoover flags.
3. 1933, the 21st Amendment was ratified, getting rid of the 19th amendment. What good did people hope this might have?
4. Skyscrapers were built in the early 1930's, giving work to some, and making money when the Empire state building opened.
5. By 1933, Al Capone in jail, Babe Ruth retired, Ford not the same guy – end of an era.

Sec. 5

1. Pres. Hoover wanted voluntary action to end the Depression (changes in private business).
2. Hoover attempts some action. Haley-Smoot tariff – highest import tax in history.
3. Reconstruction Finance Corporation – gave gov. credit to banks so they could extend loans. Still upset some people (helping banks, not people), but these two programs weren't enough.
4. Hoover becomes hated by more and more people. WWI veterans marched on D.C. for their pension bonus (supposed to be in '45). Hoover calls in army to take care of them.
5. FDR, gov. of NY – New Deal, Eleanor Roosevelt – big time social worker
6. 1932 Election – more than just two men, it was two different philosophies. Big government vs. small government.