


## Unit Resources - Glossary Terms from "New Deal"

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### **Agricultural Adjustment Administration (AAA)**

a New Deal farm program designed to raise prices paid to farmers by limiting production

### **Brains Trust**

an unofficial advisory cabinet to President Franklin Roosevelt, originally formed while he was governor of New York, that presented possible solutions to the nation's problems

### **Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)**

a New Deal work relief program that hired unemployed men to work on environmental projects

### **collective bargaining**

a process of negotiation between an employer and a group of employees belonging to a union that establishes the terms of the workers' employment

### **court packing**

President Roosevelt's plan to expand the number of Supreme Court justices by adding new ones who supported his views

### **Dorothea Lange**

an American photojournalist best known for her images of people suffering from the effects of the Great Depression

### **Fair Labor Standards Act**

a New Deal employee relief program that established a minimum wage and a 40-hour workweek

### **Federal Art Project**

a division of the WPA that employed visual artists

### **Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA)**

a New Deal economic relief program that granted federal money

### **fireside chats**

radio broadcasts that President Franklin D. Roosevelt delivered to the American people outlining his plans

### **Huey Long**

a popular Democratic politician from Louisiana who became a critic of President Roosevelt by challenging the New Deal programs to do more for struggling Americans

### **John Maynard Keynes**

a British economist who argued that deficit spending was necessary in advanced capitalist economies in times of recession to maintain employment and stimulate consumer spending

### **Marian Anderson**

an African American opera singer who was asked by Eleanor Roosevelt to perform at the Lincoln Memorial after being denied the opportunity to perform at DAR Constitution Hall

### **Mary McLeod Bethune**

an African American educator appointed by Franklin Roosevelt as director of the African American division of the National Youth Administration

### **mural**

a painting created directly on a wall

### **National Industrial Recovery Act of 1933 (NIRA)**

a New Deal program designed to stabilize prices and production levels in the nation's industrial sector

### **Second New Deal**

a second wave of New Deal legislation started in 1935 to restore and increase worker protections and build long-lasting financial security for Americans

### **Social Security Act**

a series of programs designed to help the nation's most vulnerable citizens—the unemployed, those older than age 65, unwed mothers, and the disabled—through various pension, insurance, and aid programs

### **Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)**

a federal agency tasked with the job of planning and developing the Tennessee valley area through flood control, reforestation, and hydroelectric power projects

### **Twentieth Amendment**

the amendment passed in 1933 that sets the dates for the start of Congress's new term and the inauguration of the president and vice president

### **Wagner Act**

a New Deal employee relief program, also known as the National Labor Relations Act, that guaranteed workers the right to unionize, bargain collectively, and have a government means for labor grievances to be heard

### **Works Progress Administration (WPA)**

a relief agency in effect from 1935 to 1943 that provided employment for about 20 percent of the U.S. workforce