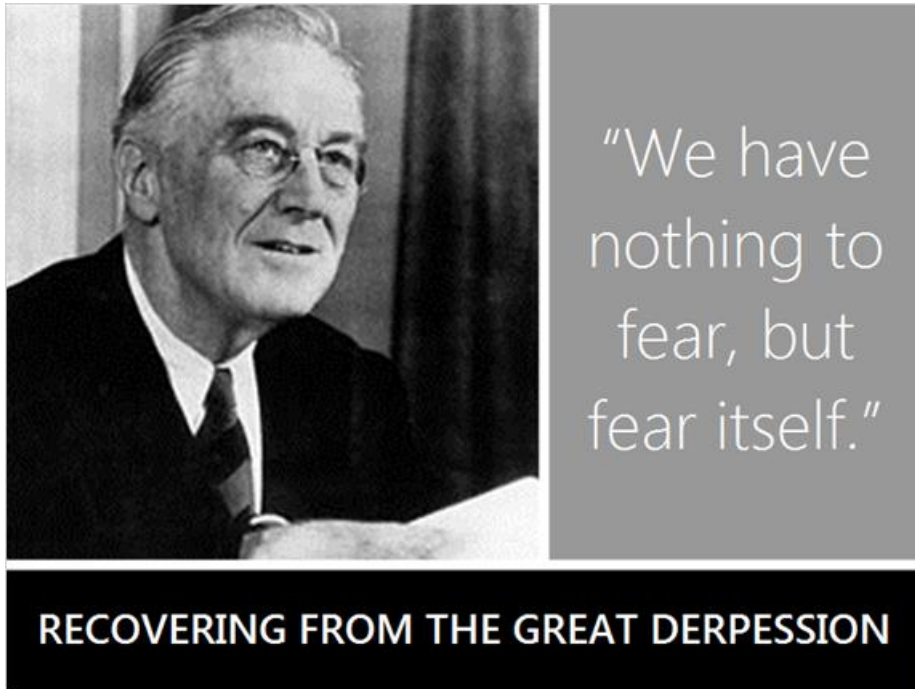


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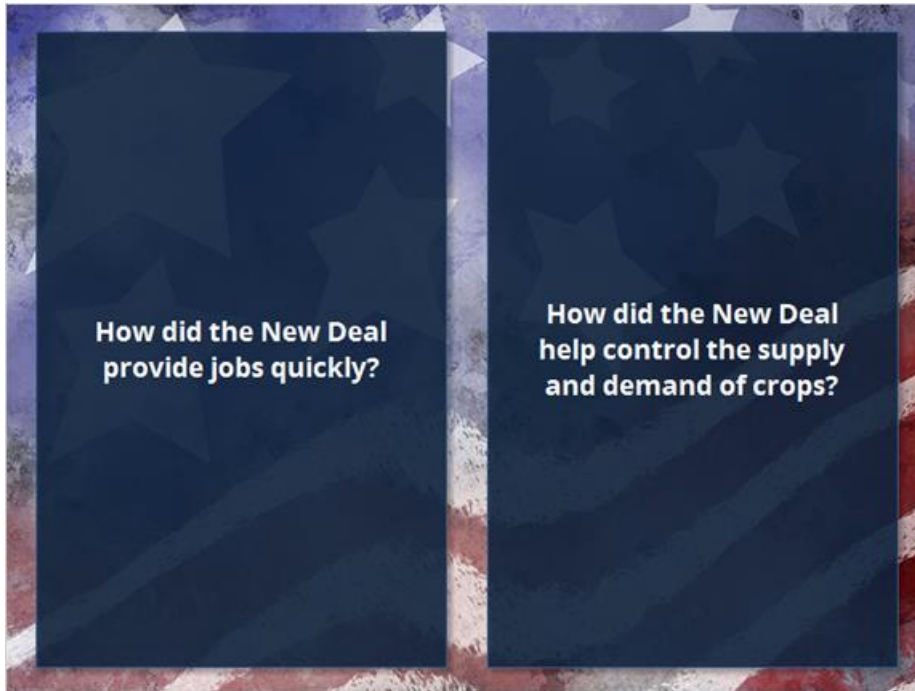


When Roosevelt took office in 1932, the nation was still in duress. The President wanted to do whatever he could to get the American people out of the Great Depression. He and his advisors accomplished this by creating the New Deal. The New Deal was a series of various programs designed to improve the United States' economy, restore finances, and help those in need. To curb fears felt by the Americans, Roosevelt professed, "We have nothing to fear, but fear itself." Essentially, the leader wanted Americans to realize that only fear could hinder them from moving forward. He took immediate action to fix the problems and did this through his alphabet associations.

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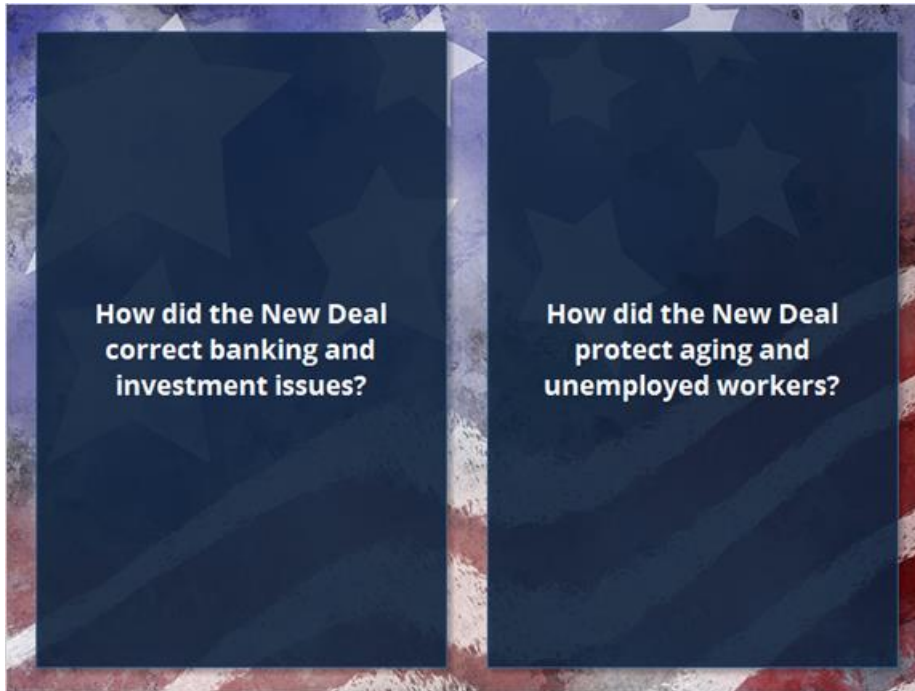
Work Progress Administration and Agricultural Adjustment Association



As part of the New Deal, Roosevelt created various associations to help bring the United States out of the Depression. In the following slides, read each question to find out specific concerns that were present in the country during the Great Depression. Then click the question box to reveal the solution the President and his advisors enacted to help the nation recover from this difficult time. Click **NEXT** when you are ready to continue.

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Click on each question to read the answer. Then, click **NEXT** to continue.

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Summary



The New Deal gave the government more power to get involved in economic decisions of the United States. For example, it provided more jobs for Americans and enabled the government to regulate the stock market.

The precedent set by the New Deal forever changed the relationship between the government and the American people. Today, when a crisis arises in the United States, Americans expect that the government will take responsibility and offer public assistance. In particular, the government must work to support the economy, and ensure citizens have good health and welfare.