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Crash Course – The Great Depression
20 Question Challenge!

This 14 minute video provides a quick overview of the themes to be covered in this unit & gives viewers a first look into the Great Depression. The information comes & goes quickly, but see how many answers you can catch below. We will swap papers to score & find out who the champion speed listeners/writers are!

1.   What's a common misconception about the causes of the Great Depression?

2.   What two aspects of the consumerist revolution were economically unsustainable?

3.   Why was the agricultural sector suffering after WWI?

4.   What action by commercial bankers led to unstable markets? (hint – it happened again in 2008).

5.   When would John Green argue the depression *really* started and why?

6.   How were banks back then most notably different from banking systems today?

7.   What caused deflation?

8.   Why is it worse than inflation?

9.   Simplistically speaking, who or what does Green cite as the cause of the depression?

Right around 5 minute mark

10. What's "pump-priming"?

11. Who published a book on his economic theory about federal spending to support the economy?

12. Hoover blames WWI for global depression, but Green expands that it's a little more complicated than that. How did the after-effects of the war *really* impact world finances?

13. What did the Hawley-Smoot tariff want to accomplish, and what did it actually do?

14. What did sticking to the gold standard prevent countries from doing that would aid in the crisis?

15. What 1920s financial practices negatively impacted Hoover's response to the Great Depression, as it was no longer viable?

16. What positive efforts/actions does Hoover eventually take (name at least 2)?

17. Explain what the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was/did:

18. Give a stat for how the Great Depression impacted African Americans harder.

19. Name 1 of the 3 photographers/writers known for capturing the Great Depression:

20. Why are questions on the causes and solutions for the Great Depression controversial in modern day?