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## Causes of the Great Depression Notes #1

### Knowledge Check:

Place the historical eras in the correct chronological order.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

### Herbert Hoover



- Becomes President in 1929

*"I have no fears for the future of our country. It is bright with hope..."*

### Roaring 20s Recap



- New consumer goods
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- **Buying on credit =** \_\_\_\_\_
  - **BAD IDEA**
  - Makes stocks seem more \_\_\_\_\_ than they actually are

### The Stock Market Crash



- On Thursday, October 24th, the stock market begins to decline
- Bankers tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the decline by buying \_\_\_\_\_, but they were able to only delay the drop

#### Effect on the Depression:

- Five days later on October 29, 1929, **Black** \_\_\_\_\_, **the stock market crashed**
- **As stock prices dropped, people** \_\_\_\_\_ **their stock - some lost everything**

## Speculation



- Speculation: \_\_\_\_\_ investments (purchasing stocks) with the hopes of getting rich quick
- In the 1920s, many people bought stocks in hoping to “**get rich quick**”
  - Drove stock prices even \_\_\_\_\_
- **Buying on margin: borrowing money**
  - In 1920s, stocks could be purchased for a 10% down-payment, called **margin**
  - Rest of the price was financed by a \_\_\_\_\_ from a **stock** \_\_\_\_\_ → similar to making a purchase **on installment plan**
  - The purchaser was responsible for the rest of price whether stock market prices **dropped or rose**
- \_\_\_\_\_ into the future \_\_\_\_\_ it will be good

## The Stock Market



1. You can buy a part (or stock) in a company
2. When company does \_\_\_\_\_, stock price goes \_\_\_\_\_
3. Sell your stocks to make money

## High Tariffs



- **Tariff**: a tax on \_\_\_\_\_ goods (from another country)
- **HIGH** tariffs RAISE the price of foreign goods, LESS trade
  - Example: Smoot-Hawley Tariff
- We stop buying other countries’ products, then they stop buying ours
- Decline in trade leads to a \_\_\_\_\_ of money
- The **shrinking** of \_\_\_\_\_ **contributed to the Great Depression**

## Overproduction of Goods



- Economic Boom of 20s → consumerism & buying on credit
- Businesses produce \_\_\_\_\_ goods than they can \_\_\_\_\_
- Farmers didn't benefit from the Roaring 20s (they kept farming as they did in **WWI**)

## Monetary (\$\$) Policy & Bank Failures



- The Federal Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ the amount of money \_\_\_\_\_
- Banks generally collect money from depositors and then invest these funds in businesses
  - **Enables them to earn money to pay** \_\_\_\_\_ on deposits
- Harder to receive loans → **bank failures**
- **Banks use YOUR money to give other people loans**
- When everyone tries to take their money out, the bank does **NOT** have enough
- Banks **shut down** and people **lost** money that was saved in the banks

## High Unemployment



- Businesses start going under ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) → causes a snowball effect