Years of Dust, Death and Destruction Searching for a New Deal for America



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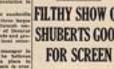
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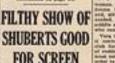
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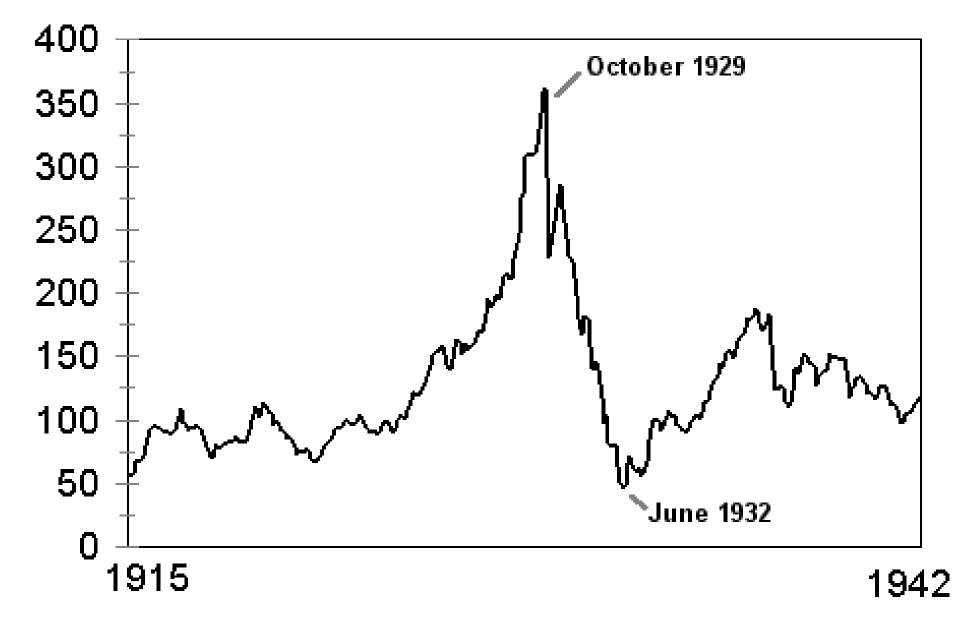
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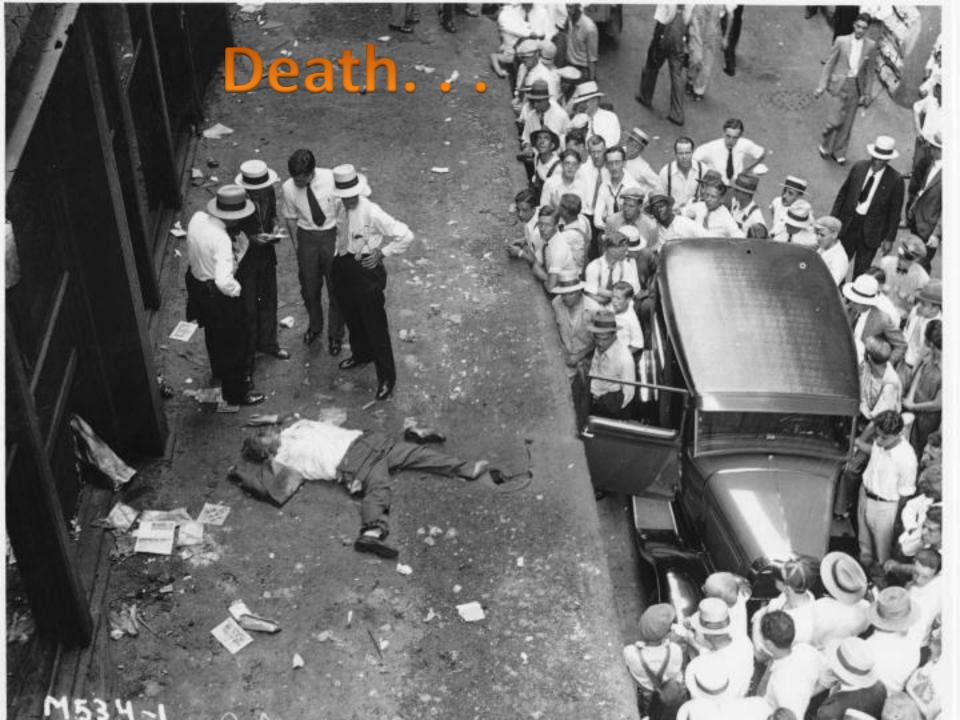
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In Milwaukee, one gentleman who took his own life left a note that read, 'My body should go to science, my soul to Andrew W. Mellon, and sympathy to my creditors.'



Destruction





Black Sunday, April 14, 1935.

More and more dust storms had been blowing up in the years leading up to April 14, 1935:
In 1932, 14 dust storms were recorded on the Plains.

- In 1933, there were 38 storms.
- By 1934, it was estimated that 100 million acres of farmland had lost all or most of the topsoil to the winds.
- •By April 1935, there had been weeks of dust storms, but the cloud that appeared on the horizon that Sunday was the worst. Winds were clocked at 60 mph. Then it hit.

"The impact is like a shovelful of fine sand flung against the face," Avis D. Carlson wrote in a New Republic article. "People caught in their own yards grope for the doorstep. Cars come to a standstill, for no light in the world can penetrate that swirling murk... We live with the dust, eat it, sleep with it, watch it strip us of possessions and the hope of possessions. It is becoming Real."

The day after Black Sunday, an Associated Press reporter used the term "Dust Bowl" for the first time. "Three little words achingly familiar on the Western farmer's tongue, rule life in the dust bowl of the continent :

If it rains

Where do we go From here?



Begging for a New (Better)Deal?



Be prepared to discuss the evidence that supports your designations.

Your Task

Work with your group to sort New Deal programs into zones of historical significance:

- 1. Significant in their own time
- 2. Still moderately significant
- 3. Still highly significant

Highly Significant in own time and in present.

Still Moderately Significant

> Significant primarily in its own time



Match cartoons to programs. What are the arguments regarding these programs?