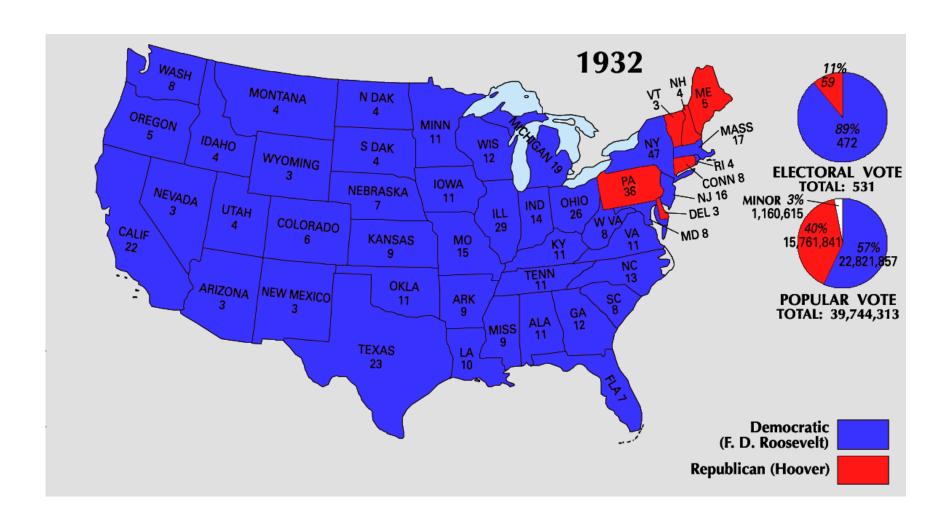
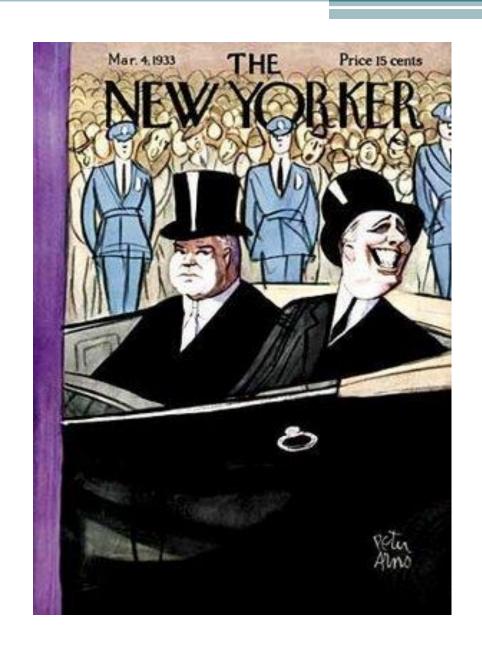
Roosevelt's "New Deal"

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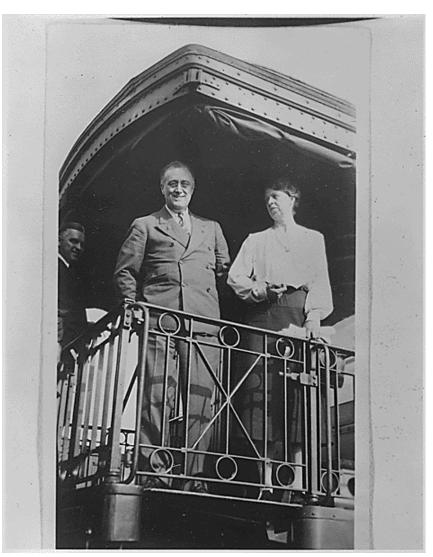
- SSUSH18 The student will describe Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal as a response to the depression and compare the ways governmental programs aided those in need.
- a. Describe the creation of the Tennessee Valley Authority as a works program and as an effort to control the environment.
- b. Explain the Wagner Act and the rise of industrial unionism.
- c. Explain the passage of the Social Security Act as a part of the second New Deal.
- d. Identify Eleanor Roosevelt as a symbol of social progress and women's activism.
- e. Identify the political challenges to Roosevelt's domestic and international leadership; include the role of Huey Long, the "court packing bill," and the Neutrality Act.

Roosevelt Victorious In 1932









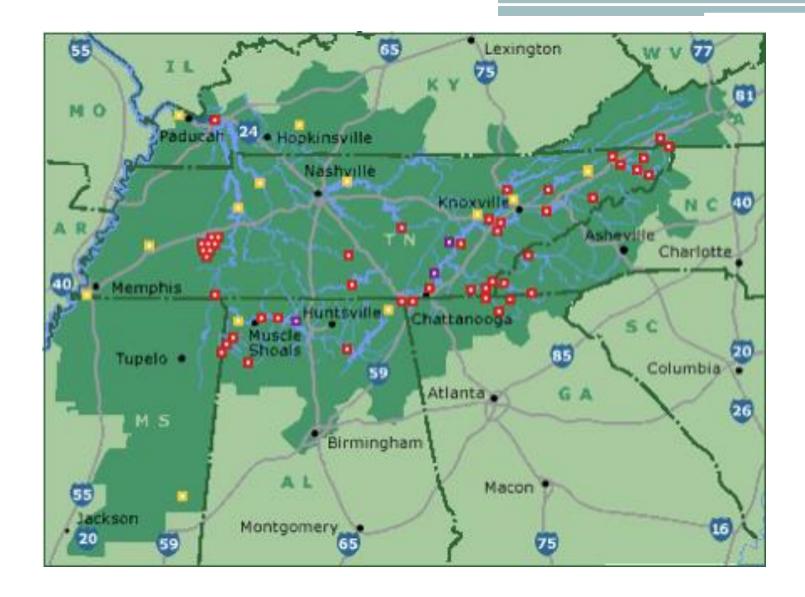
The New Deal

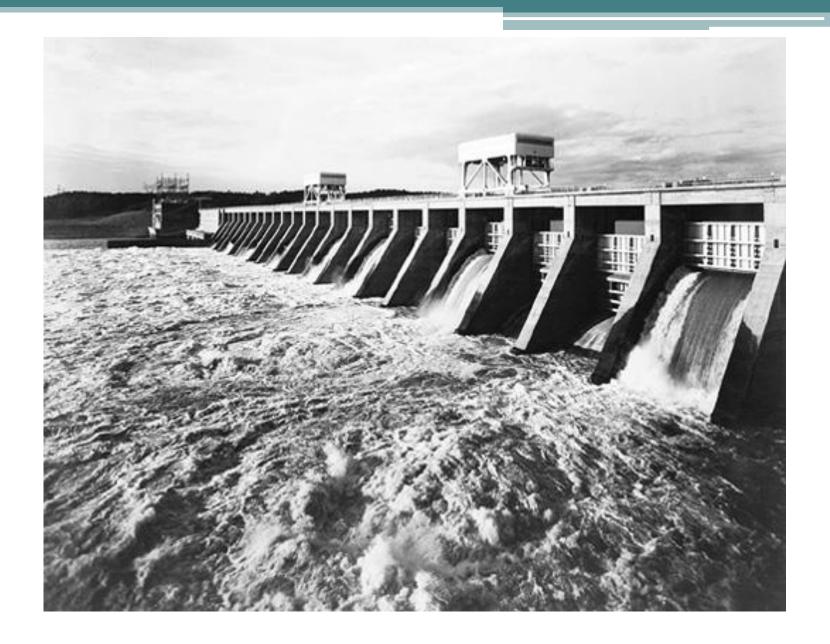
- Roosevelt used his first 100 days in office to implement his new ideas
- The New Deal centered around 3 key ideas:
 - Relief: the concept of helping people immediately to get out of the misery of the Depression
 - <u>Recovery</u>: aimed at helping the business community and restarting the economy
 - <u>Reform</u>: trying to change the country so that a depression could never again have significant effects on the country

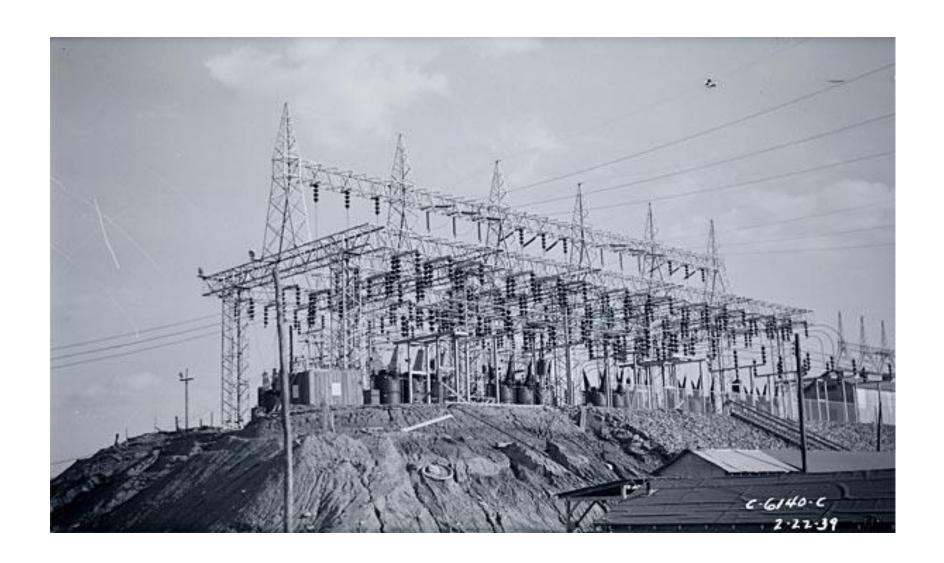
Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)

- One of the first programs of the New Deal was a works program called the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).
- The TVA created jobs in a portion of the rural South called the Tennessee Valley.
- Some of these jobs entailed constructing power plants that brought electricity to the region.
- Other jobs involved the creation and construction of a series of dams.
- These dams were used to control the environment and prevent flooding, which were responsible for destroying numerous acres of Southern farmland.









"Song of the South" - Alabama

- Song, song of the south
- Sweet potato pie and I shut my mouth
- Gone, gone with the wind
- There ain't nobody looking back again

- Well somebody told us Wall Street fell
- But we were so poor that we couldn't tell
- Cotton was short and the weeds were tall
- But Mr. Roosevelt's a gonna save us all

- Well momma got sick and daddy got down
- The county got the farm and they moved to town
- Papa got a job with the TVA
- He bought a washing machine and then a Chevrolet

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- Cotton on the roadside, cotton in the ditch
- We all picked the cotton but we never got rich
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Wagner Act and Industrial Unionism

• In 1935, Congress passed a <u>National</u> <u>Labor Relations Act, called the</u> Wagner Act, which legalized collective bargaining.

• It outlawed spying on union activities and blacklisting.

• The Wagner Act caused a great increase in union membership.

• The act set up a National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) to enforce its rules.

• In 1938, a Fair Labor Standards Act banned child labor and set up a minimum wage.



Roosevelt's Second New Deal

- Most of the public remained behind Roosevelt.
- In 1935, FDR launched the Second New Deal.
- It included more social welfare benefits, stricter controls over business, stronger support for unions, and higher taxes on the rich.



Social Security

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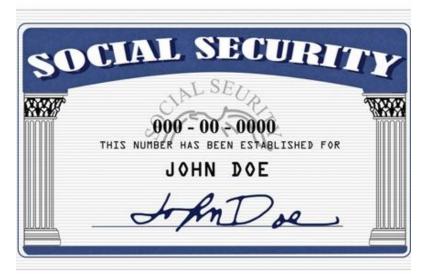
 The act established a Social Security System

 This system offered 3 types of insurance:

1. Old-age pensions and survivors' benefits.

2. Unemployment insurance.

3. Aid for dependent children, the blind, and the physically disabled.



Eleanor Roosevelt as a Symbol



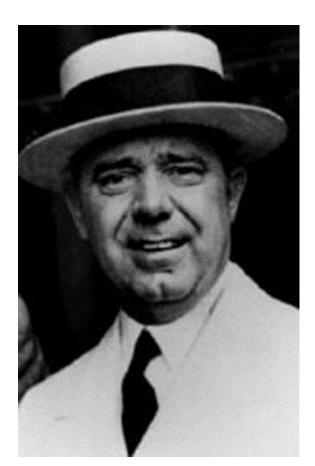
- FDR's most important colleague was his wife, Eleanor Roosevelt.
- The public got used to her unconventional style, and many came to admire her for her enthusiasm, humanity, and idealism.
- She became the face of Roosevelt's government due to his disability.
- She also became a symbol of social progress and women's activism in America.



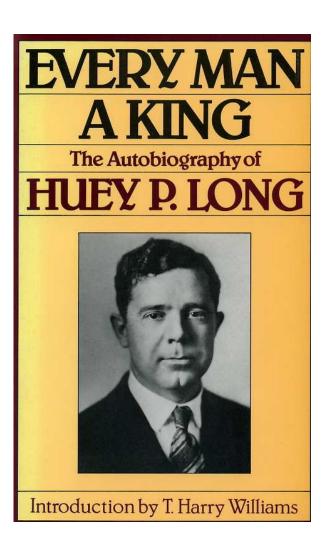


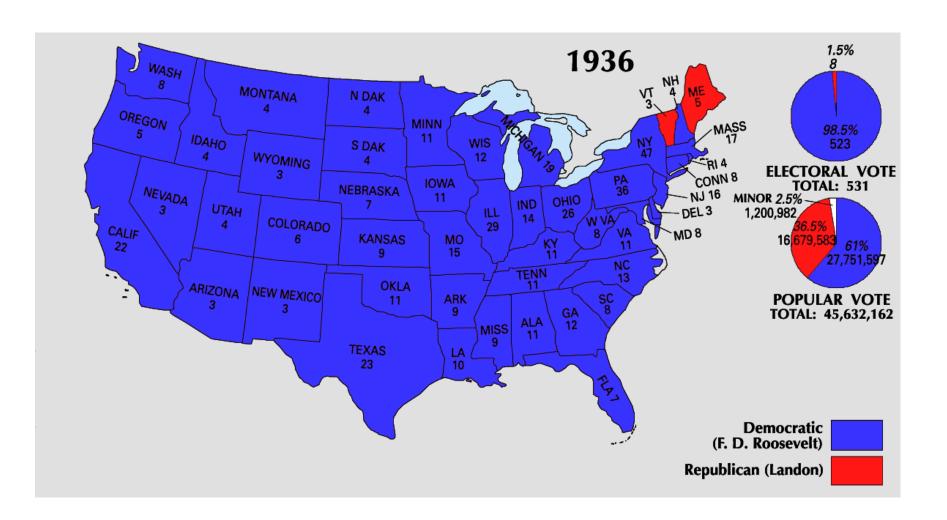
Huey Long Opposes the New Deal

- He was the Democratic governor of Louisiana.
- <u>He disagreed with</u> <u>Roosevelt's plans and ideas.</u>
- He proposed redistributing the wealth of America to try and curb the poverty and crime of the Great Depression.
- He was assassinated in 1935 at the age of 42.









The Court-Packing Scandal

- Because the Supreme Court had overturned some of FDR's plans, he wanted to change the Supreme Court to help his goals.
- FDR wanted the number of judges changed from 9 to 15 (to "pack the court").
- There was great opposition to this idea.
- In essence, he wanted to change the Constitution, altering the system of checks and balances.
- Plan would give both the President and the Supreme Court more power than Congress.





The Neutrality Acts

- Still weary from US involvement in WWI, many in the US wanted to stay <u>OUT</u> of WWII.
- The US passed Neutrality
 Acts in 1935, 1936 and 1937
 that prohibited the US from
 selling arms to any
 belligerent nation.
- Roosevelt didn't like that these acts prevented the US from helping its allies.



