

Reading Questions for *Voices of Protest* and Polenberg documents

What made Long and Coughlin significant in 1935?

Where did they draw their political strength from?

In what ways did they cause FDR and the Democratic party concern?

In what ways, if any, did they help the Democratic party?

Did FDR accommodate them and if so how?

How would you characterize the New Deal legislative proposals from 1935 on?

Whom were they intended to help and why?

In what ways did Roosevelt carve out a new vision of the New Deal?

What was the Administration's political strategy in 1935?

Who gained under the 1935 initiatives?

What were the long-term consequences of these acts?

Paper One: The Great Depression

Write a 5-page paper in response to one of the questions below. Be sure to have an argument and to provide evidence to prove your points. Make sure also to use specific examples from the readings (McElvaine, Brinkley, and the Polenberg documents). Please consult the attached "[Guide to Writing an A Paper](#)."

1) Some scholars argue that the New Deal was a radical break while others suggest it was quite conservative. To what extent was the New Deal a revolution? If so, how?

2) Compare the experiences of three groups of Americans in the Great Depression. Did the 1930s reinforce or eliminate differences in American society?