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Causes of the Great Depression

1. What are the pros and cons of Laissez-faire economics? Explain how this contributed to the Stock Market Crash of 1929.

2. How did the spending habits of every-day Americans lead to the Great Depression? Do you see any similarities to the actions of Americans in the present day? Explain.

3. Following the Crash of 1929, what happened to the money every-day Americans kept in banks? Why did it happen? Describe how you would feel if your life savings could not be replaced.

4. Do you agree with President Hoover's response to the Stock Market Crash? Why? If you were president, how would you have handled the situation? Why?