

**Thematic Essay**  
**US History 8**  
**Friday 21 March 2008**

*In 1929, the Great Depression began. The effects of the Great Depression were felt by everyone. No one expected the economic, social, and emotional impact it would have. The Great Depression did not end until 1942, when a World War forced immediate social, economic, and political changes.*

In a well-organized essay, explain the causes of the Great Depression. Explain how the government's initial response was "too little, too late", and describe THREE specific efforts of President Roosevelt to relieve the effects of the depression.

Your three tasks are:

- ❖ explain the causes of the Great Depression.
- ❖ explain how the government's initial response was "too little, too late", and
- ❖ describe THREE specific efforts of President Roosevelt to relieve the effects of the depression.

One organizational scheme you could use is...

I. Introduction

II. Causes

III. Early government response

IV. FDR's response

- A.
- B.
- C.