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Crash Course U.S. History #33: The Great Depression - <https://nerdfighteria.info/v/GCQfMWAikyU/>

John Green doesn't talk about the Stock Market Crash as the TRIGGER for the Great Depression, but he does discuss multiple CAUSES already in place before then. Identify and briefly explain FOUR of these:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Green emphasizes that what really made the Great Depression greatly depressing was _____
_____ & _____.

Thought Bubble: The Failure of the Banking System

- ★ Green believes the NUMBER ONE CAUSE of the Great Depression was _____
_____.
- ★ The majority of America's banks were _____ and had to rely on _____.
- ★ When people began to panic about the economy, they _____,
which caused numerous banks to fail.
- ★ This eventually caused deflation, which is bad because _____
_____.
- ★ When people lose their jobs, they can't _____ which continues the
cycle of businesses losing money and cutting more jobs.
- ★ Green argues that the _____ could have prevented
the problem by _____ before things crashed.

The Great Depression Across the Ocean

- ➔ Germany was already in financial difficulty thanks to _____.
- ➔ England and France owed money to _____, which they planned on
repaying using what they received from _____.

- When the American economy crashed, it triggered a domino effect across Europe - meaning much of the rest of the world was affected as well.
- Then the U.S. Congress passed the _____, which was supposed to protect American businesses from foreign competition.
- Europe responded by _____, which meant less trade for everyone - making the depression even worse.

President Hoover's Response to the Depression

- What did Hoover do? The short answer is "_____."
- Part of the problem was that most governments insisted on retaining the _____, which meant less money in circulation and made it harder for people (or nations) to pay off their debts or get their economies moving.
- The Federal Reserve ("the Fed") made it harder to get credit (which might have been a good idea BEFORE the Depression, but now just made things harder for everyone).
- In Hoover's defense, he did try a few things to "cushion" the fall, but no one had ever expected the federal government to "fix everything" before - he was doing what most previous presidents probably would have done: *not much*.
- Green argues that Hoover's biggest mistake was relying on _____ and _____ to stimulate the economy, and that wasn't enough.
- *(There are a few other things he covers about Hoover, but we're not going to worry about those.)*
- By 1932, over _____ people were out of work (about _____ of the total labor force.) Things were pretty bad, and still getting worse.

Conclusion

- Discussions about the Great Depression can get heated because the issues debated THEN are _____.
- We're still talking about _____ and debating government's role in _____.
- How you feel about the government's role in the Great Depression is probably based on how you feel about _____.