**GREAT DEPRESSION NOTES**

**Cause/Effects**

People bought stocks on credit

When stocks stopped going up, people couldn’t pay off their credit/debt

People started selling their stocks quickly

 -banks didn’t have enough money to pay it back

Banks closed and people lost their life savings

**Herbert Hoover**-president at start of Great Depression

 -became a scapegoat (the person everyone blamed)

**City Life**

-very difficult, people reused everything and used hand-me downs

 -soup kitchens/bread lines

 -charities and churches were very helpful

**Dust Bowl**

-hard times for farmers

 -farmers were actually doing poorly in the 1920’s already

 -caused by:

 -increased farming with tractors and plows

 -eliminated grass that covered topsoil

 -massive drought dried everything up

 -without the grass to hold soil together the soil blew away

 -Okies-people who migrated out of the Midwest

**Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR)**

-president from 1932-1945

 -longest serving president ever

 -tried to fix the Great Depression with the New Deal

**New Deal**

-goal was to get people back to work, stabilize the economy, and prevent another Great Depression

-greatly expanded government involvement in daily life

-“Alphabet Soup”-all the programs created

 -**CCC**-young men building things at parks **TVA-**provide power in Appalachia

 -**FDIC**-insures bank investments **CWA**-create jobs for public works

 **-PWA**-provide money for public works **Social Security Act**-safety net for elderly

-some parts were ruled unconstitutional

 -FDR tries to “pack” the court (add 5 new members) but it doesn’t pass

**Prohibition**

-18th Amendment (1920)

 -banned the sale of alcohol

 -Alcohol consumption decreases by 50% (then goes right back up)

 -very hard to enforce

 -organized crime increased (Mafia)

 -Repealed by 21st amendment (1933)

**Court Packing Scheme**

-some parts of the New Deal were ruled unconstitutional (because the government was overreaching)

-FDR tried to nominate more people to the Supreme Court in order to get the court to agree with him and not rule things unconstitutional

-ultimately failed, but demonstrated the

**Seeds of WWII**

-economies of Europe were so bad that the people wanted political change

 -voted in a totalitarian government (one person in control of everything)

 -fascism increased (putting the welfare of the state over the welfare of the people)

 -Benito Mussolini in Italy

 -Adolf Hitler in Germany