

The Causes of the Great Depression

What caused the most severe economic crisis in American history?

Key Content Terms	
As you complete the Reading Notes, use these Key Content Terms in your answers:	
Black Tuesday	underconsumption
stock market crash	Hawley-Smoot Tariff
buying on margin	Act
overproduction	

READING NOTES

Sections 1 and 2

How was the *Yee Haw!* game like history? Create the table on the right on a full page of your notebook. Then read Sections 1 and 2 and record at least three parallels between the game and history. Use these Key Content Terms in your response: *Black Tuesday*, *stock market crash*, *buying on margin*. The first comparison is completed for you.

Comparing the <i>Yee Haw!</i> Game to History	
Classroom Experience	Historical Parallels
Many students selected the “Go for the Gold!” option with hopes of earning lots of extra credit.	Many Americans invested in the stock market in the 1920s with hopes of getting rich.
Some students bought Bonanza Chips to increase their gains.	
Point values decreased dramatically in the last round. All but those who chose to “Hold Tight” lost everything they had and sometimes even more.	
Even those who chose to “Play It Safe” lost their extra credit.	

Section 3

Overproduction and underconsumption were key causes of the Great Depression. Copy the table below into your notebook, and complete it as you read Section 3.

Key Causes and Effects of the Great Depression		
	What caused this economic trend?	What were the effects of this economic trend?
Overproduction		
Underconsumption		

Section 4

Name and describe two actions the federal government took that made the Great Depression worse.

P R O C E S S I N G

The parts of a kinetic sculpture are constantly moving. For example, a ball might hit a lever that sets off a pulley. The pulley might, in turn, pull a bucket that dumps water on a paddle wheel. The paddle wheel creates another movement. Different actions can take place independently of one another as well. But all the actions together have a combined result.

Draw and label a simple kinetic sculpture commemorating the causes of the Great Depression.

At least one part on your sculpture must represent each Key Content Term. These terms may appear on your machine in any order. However, the more clearly you can show how one action led to another, the more elegant your machine will be.