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**Chapter 23 – The Great Depression – Reading Questions**

**All answers must be at least one complete sentence, address all parts of the question, and be in pen.**

1. What caused the stock market boom to get so out of hand? What was the crash like?
2. What were the problems with diversification, income inequality, and the credit structure of the economy?
3. What impact did international trade and debt factors have on the American economy? What role did U.S. tariff policy play?
4. What happened to the banking system early in the Depression? What role did the Federal Reserve System play?
5. Describe the human impact in key industrial cities and on the farms. How effective were local, state, and private relief agencies in meeting the ravages of widespread unemployment?
6. Compare and contrast the impact of the Great Depression on blacks, Hispanics, and Asians with its impact on whites. What demographic shifts occurred in this period?
7. What effect did the Depression have on attitudes about the role of women and the realities of life for women?
8. What impact did the Depression have on the traditional success ethic of Americans?

9. What role did radio play for Depression-era Americans?
10. How much allure did such radical movements as communism and socialism have for Americans in the 1930s? What was the "Popular Front" approach and why did it end?
11. What were Herbert Hoover's first approaches to combating the Depression? How effective were they?
12. What was Hoover's new approach to the Depression after mid-1931? What caused his shift in emphasis?
13. What impact did Hoover's handling of the veteran's Bonus March have on his popularity?
14. What made Franklin Roosevelt such an attractive presidential candidate for the Democrats? Why did he win the 1932 election?
15. How did Roosevelt react to Hoover's demand for policy pledges during the "interregnum" of the winter of 1932-1933?