

Did the New Deal actually work?

Learning objectives:

Establish what Roosevelt was trying to do.

TIP – The three Rs

Evaluate the impact of the New Deal across a range of areas.

PLEASE – Take notice of the extension questions

Come to a judgement of whether the new deal was a success or not.

What was Roosevelt trying to achieve?

- Roosevelt had three basic aims which directed his actions:
- Help the victims of the Depression. Millions of ordinary Americans faced unemployment, hunger, and poverty. Roosevelt was determined to help them.
- Encourage economic recovery. The Depression was a disaster for America. Roosevelt knew that he had to take action to encourage recovery, to get the nation back to work.
- Reform the economic system. The whole economic system would have to be altered so that there would never again be a Depression as bad as the 1930s.