

Answer Key: The Big Picture

Warm-up

Responses NOT likely to be true for this unit have been crossed out.

~~Many Americans had become wealthy and successful during the Age of Oil.~~	~~Ongoing conflict in Europe will cause a second international war that the U.S. will not join.~~	Texas farmers, who were already struggling financially, will face extreme hardship.
Mental health awareness will increase as many struggle with issues like depression.	The U.S. economy will experience a significant decline, leading to financial hardship for millions.	Millions of Americans will lose their jobs and/or homes and live in poverty.
~~Most Americans will oppose federal government interference in the economy.~~	The U.S. government will start a lot of different programs to help people financially.	~~The Texas oil industry will continue to grow, making the majority of Texans wealthy.~~

Lesson

Grade Level and Foundations Work

Part I: Analyze an Image

- Responses will vary

Part II: Essential Ideas Reading Passage

- Students can be encouraged to highlight key information or write brief summaries or key words in the margins.

Part III: Comprehension Questions

1. *(Responses will vary. Included here is the correct answer based on options in the Foundations work)* The Age of Oil was a period of time characterized by (a) economic growth and prosperity, whereas the Great Depression was characterized by (e) severe financial hardship.

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2. Incorrect responses have been crossed out.

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| ☐ ~~Millions of Americans bought stocks on the stock market.~~ | ☐ ~~The government was unable to implement programs to help.~~ |
| ☐ ~~The Texas oil industry was unaffected by the market crash.~~ | ☐ Many Americans lost their savings when thousands of banks closed. |
| ☐ This era was a period of time of severe economic hardship for many. | ☐ Businesses failed and millions lost their jobs. |

3. Responses below were taken from the Foundations work.

Program	What did it do?
The Rural Electrification Administration (REA)	b) A program to provide affordable electricity to farm communities.
The Public Works Administration (PWA)	a) A job program offering construction work in communities.
The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)	c) A program building state parks and protecting state lands.

Advanced Work

Part I: Analyze an Image

- Responses will vary

Part II: Essential Ideas Reading Passage

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Part III: Comprehension Questions

1. *(Responses will vary in wording)* The Age of Oil was a period of time characterized by rapid industrialization, urbanization, and widespread economic growth, whereas the Great Depression was characterized by extreme financial hardship and mass unemployment for millions of Americans.
2. *Responses that are NOT true have been crossed out.*

☐ People could buy shares in businesses on the stock market. ☒ ~~Over half of all American citizens held stocks by 1929.~~ ☒ ~~Texans made a lot of money off oil companies on the stock market.~~ ☐ A small percentage of people made a lot of money on the stock market.	☒ ~~Texas oil companies were unaffected by the market crash.~~ ☐ People sold all their stocks in a panic when the economy slowed. ☐ Many Americans lost their savings when thousands of banks closed. ☐ Businesses failed and millions lost their jobs.
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3. *The correct chronological order: 5, 1, 4, 3, 2*
4. An economic depression is a period of decline in the economy, usually causing business failures and a rise in unemployment. The Great Depression was the worst economic depression in U.S. history, lasting throughout the 1930s.
5. President Roosevelt promised the American people a “New Deal.” The goal of his New Deal was to provide relief and recovery to the millions of struggling Americans and reforms to protect against future economic disasters.
6. *Programs and their goals:*

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Exit Ticket

1. A, C, E