**Great Depression & New Deal Essay Questions**

CHOOSE **ONE** and complete a **thorough** response to the question.

1. Describe how the Great Depression affected the daily lives of average Americans.
   - Think about: 1. Employment, 2. Basic needs such as food and shelter, 3. Social and psychological effects, and 4. Women, children and minorities

2. What were the goals of President Roosevelt’s “fireside chats”? How did he achieve his goals?
   - Think about: 1. The medium of communication Roosevelt chose and, 2. The style of language Roosevelt used.

3. Why was Franklin D. Roosevelt able to quickly instill confidence in the federal government’s ability to end the Depression? Give at least two reasons.
   - Think about: 1. Roosevelt’s personality and interactions with the American public and 2. The goals and effects of the New Deal policies

4. What role did the art play in America in the 1930s? How did the Roosevelt administration support the arts?
   - Think about: 1. Visual arts and the Great Depression, 2. Leisure activities of Americans, and 3. Special branches of the WPA.