

Debate - Did the New Deal Fail?

- The class will be divided into yes/no teams
- Within each team, there will be three different groups each with unique responsibilities.
- The debate will take place in three rounds with each sub-group making an argument (with visuals) presented through Google Slides.
- Groups should consider the New Deal's attempts to provide relief to the poor, stimulate recovery, and reform the American economy.

Round 1 - Analysis of Specific New Deal Programs

- Each side should choose three New Deal programs and make an argument of why they should be considered a success or failure.
- Include any relevant charts/data that will help make your point.

Round 2 - Examination of Historical Scholarship

- Historians differ in their analysis of the New Deal. Find and read excerpts from their analysis.
- Present the work of three different historians that supports the idea that the New Deal was a success or failure.

Round 3 - The Changing Role of the Government

- Opponents/supporters had widely different interpretations on this increased role of the the federal government and if it was appropriate.
- Use the section "New Deal or Raw Deal" and "FDR's Balance Sheet" at the end of the chapter as a starting point.
- Include specific support/criticism from the 1930s.