**New Deal Research Project**

**Due: April 8th, 2019**

**Historical Circumstances:**

**The Stock Market Crash of 1929** signaled the beginning of **The Great Depression** and an ened to the Roaring ‘20’s. The Stock Market Crash was the main cause, but this led to other problems such as **the run on the banks** where 5,000 banks closed when people panicked and started taking their money out. There were underlying problems that led to the Depression and led to it getting worse such as **over-production and under-consumption**, **businesses taking advantage of laissez-faire policies** and a **growing income gap** – less and less were able to afford all of the consumer products of the Roaring ‘20’s. All of these problems combined together to form the worst economic period in our nation’s history – unemployment hovered around at least 15% for 12 years and reached as high as 25% in 1933. It wasn’t until the election of 1932, when new President **Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR)** that the US government spent money to help Americans get back to work. FDR’s created policies, which he called his **New Deal** to provide **Relief, Recovery and Reform** and to **pump and prime** the economy. However, there was much controversy to the New Deal – the Supreme Court challenged many of the programs’ Constitutionality, stating that the government was overstepping its limits and regulating business and the fundamental role of government in the economy and in citizens’ daily lives was forever changed. Due to its success and its criticisms, the New Deal’s legacy continues to be debated. Your task is to decide whether the New Deal legacy for America was more positive or negative.

**Part I: (20 points)** Go to mrgherman.weebly.com to access the four scholarly essays on the New Deal.

You must complete document analysis sheet for each essay.

**Part II: (80 points)** New Deal Analysis Essay

***Essay Question: Was the New Deal more positive or negative for America?***

**In order to answer this question, you must address the following tasks:**

1. Have an introduction with a thesis that addresses the essay topic
2. Explain the causes of the Great Depression (analyze how the stock market crash, overproduction and under consumption, failures of Hoover Administration, and banking crisis led to Great Depression) (2-3 paragraphs)
3. Explain how the Great Depression affected life in America (1-2 paragraphs)
4. Describe and identify **at least three (3) specific** aspects (**choose one aspect of Relief, Recovery and Reform each**) of the New Deal and explain how they tried to address both the causes and consequences of the Great Depression (2-3 paragraphs)
5. Describe and identify at least two criticisms of the New Deal (1-2 paragraphs)
6. Evaluate whether the New Deal was good or bad for America (compare and contrast the positive and negative aspects in your analysis)? (1-2 paragraphs)
7. Conclusion

**Requirements:**

**\* You may include information from our class handouts, the movie, *Cinderella Man*, and any other research you do**

**\* You must include analysis from THREE of the four scholarly essays on the New Deal**

**\* You must properly cite the essays with MLA parenthetical citation**

**\* Final version must be typed**

**\* Will be graded using the NYS Regents Rubric for DBQ Essays scale of 1-5**