

THE USA 1919-1941 INTERACTIVE

New Deal Sample Answer

Written by a year 11 pupil

Was the New Deal a success or failure by 1941? [15 marks]

The New Deal was a programme set up to help America recover from its problems. To find out if it was not a complete success I must evaluate the failures and the successes.

The New Deal was set up to help America recover, which it did. The New Deal set up work programmes such as the Workers Progress Administration (WPA); which provided work for thousands of people. It allowed people to have self-confidence and respect. These agencies helped the workers to provide their families with food and shelter, if the New Deal was not created, many would have lost their homes due to rent payments.

The Alphabet Agencies built important and worthwhile buildings including hospitals, schools, playgrounds, and roads. These improvements attracted tourists and more workers to the cities.

The New Deal gave the American's public faith in the new government. Some laws that were introduced and are still working today, for example old age pensions and sick pay. The fact that they are still currently used proves that it is a system that was very efficient and worthwhile.

On the other hand the New Deal experienced many failures. The New Deal did not help everyone; blacks and farmers (who loaned their land) were not helped as if they were not important in the scheme of things. White people were offered jobs but blacks were not offered enough, some of the lucky ones were able to get involved with the unemployment schemes but many did not. Farmers who owned their own land were offered money to not grow produce and advised on how to make their farms better but farmers who loaned their land did not get a chance to receive any information.

The cost of the New Deal was a failure because millions of dollars were spent on wages for the WPA, loans to banks, money to farmers and money to buy blankets and build soup kitchens for the poor. Although some of this was essential money was literally being thrown away. The New Deal cost too much for America to run successfully.

Another of the failures of the agencies was that they only provided temporary work, it gave families no stability during the depression. The unemployment rate remained very high until the war started. This shows that millions were still living in poverty.

To try and receive more money from the public Roosevelt increased the taxes but this just caused the rich (who were the only ones who could afford to pay tax) to start to dislike him. This was a failure because he was failing to accommodate all the needs of his people.

These failures encouraged the opponents of Roosevelt to speak out, causing many people to reconsider their views. The growth of the opponents caused some parts of the New Deal to be rejected by the Supreme Court.

In conclusion, I would say that the New Deal was not a complete success because as I have shown, there were many failures that prevented the New Deal working to its full advantage.

Peer Assessment Sample Answer Mark Grid

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<u>What to look for</u>	✓ ☒	<u>What to look for</u>	✓ ☒	<u>Your overall Assessment</u>
Is there an introduction and conclusion?		Does it reach the word limit of at least 300 words?		<p style="color: red; text-align: center;"><u>Study the mark scheme carefully</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was good about the answer? 2. What level would you award this answer at? 3. What mark within the level would you give it? 4. Say why you gave it this level and mark? 5. How would you improve this answer?
Does it give reasons why the New Deal was successful?		Are paragraphs (rather than lists, headings or bullet points) used?		
Does it give reasons why the New Deal was a failure?		Does it use correct spelling, punctuation and grammar?		
Is there at least one example of explanation?		Does it provide detailed factual evidence (e.g. dates, names of individuals, references to specific events)?		