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2. What happened during “The First Hundred Days”? Congress passed 15 major bills which established programs for immediate RELIEF, economic RECOVERY, and REFORM to keep something like this from happening again.

3. Explain two federal work programs that provided paychecks in exchange for public work. The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) paid men to work on environmental improvement projects. The Works Progress Administration (WPA) created 8 million jobs building public buildings, laying roads, and painting murals.

4. What was the purpose of the Social Security Act that lasts to this day? Social Security helped older people in need by providing a small amount of money each month. The Act established a pension for retired workers to be paid with taxes collected over time. Benefits were extended to dependent children and handicapped persons.

5. How did the National Recovery Administration (NRA) help increase rights for labor? The NRA let companies set maximum working hours and minimum wages and guaranteed workers the right to join unions and bargain for contracts.

6. Describe the purpose of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and the environmental improvements it created. The TVA supplied electric power to the poorest region of the nation by harnessing the power of the Tennessee River with dams and waterways. In doing so, this eliminated flooding of the region.

7. How did the Agricultural Adjustment Act provide assistance to farmers? The AAA paid farmers to produce less in order to raise prices back above pre-surplus levels.

8. What reform was used to protect bank deposits? The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insures depositors’ bank accounts to help people regain confidence that their money is safe.

9. Assess the value or importance of the New Deal. Were all programs a success? Which programs do you believe made the biggest difference? Was the psychological impact as important as the economic impact? Why or why not? Answers will vary.