

FDR and the New Deal: *Apply Activity*

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What you have learned

The New Deal was an aggressive response to the Great Depression. It made sweeping changes that expanded the role of the federal government. The New Deal set out to solve the immediate crisis and went on to create new structures to prevent similar crises in the future.

Now apply what you have learned about **FDR and the New Deal** to a fictional water shortage scenario.

Water Shortage Scenario

There is a state-wide water shortage that sends the general population into a panic. The government must respond to calm fears.

Decide which key point relates to the scenario below and write it in the space provided. Then, explain the connection.

Related key points

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| Supreme Court Rulings | Fireside Chats | First Hundred Days |
| Relief, Recovery, and Reform | Brain Trust | Bank Holiday |

Scenario	Related key point and explanation
1. The state governor creates a Water Conservation Board to oversee and regulate all water usage. Some question whether the board should have the power to determine who can have water and when. Others think that something must be done quickly and that this is the best approach.	Related key point _____ Explain the connection _____
2. The Board decides to make water available for only five hours per day for an entire week while they assess the severity of the situation.	Related key point _____ Explain the connection _____
3. Each night of the crisis, the governor appears on all news channels (TV, radio, and internet) to reassure the public and report on progress and challenges.	Related key point _____ Explain the connection _____

4. The governor creates a committee of scientists and city-planners, challenging them to come up with new water sources and conservation techniques.

Related key point

Explain the connection

5. The plan is to work on two fronts: solving the immediate water shortage and creating new systems to prevent a recurrence.

Related key point

Explain the connection

6. Restaurants and other businesses threaten legal action. They challenge the right of the new board to decide which businesses can have water and when.

Related key point

Explain the connection
