

Alphabet Soup

DAILY ACTIVITY

Chapter 27, Section 1

Directions: Read the following information. Use it and your text to complete the activities and questions below.

Both critics and supporters of the New Deal liked to refer to Franklin Roosevelt's programs as alphabet soup because of the widespread use of initials to identify them. The initials of several of these programs and agencies became familiar to many Americans over the years.

Developing Vocabulary

Match each set of initials with the program, the individual, the organization, or the government department it stands for by placing the correct letter in front of the initials.

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| ___ 1. CCC | A. Federal Emergency Relief Act |
| ___ 2. FERA | B. Civilian Conservation Corps |
| ___ 3. AAA | C. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation |
| ___ 4. TVA | D. National Recovery Administration |
| ___ 5. HOLC | E. Home Owners Loan Corporation |
| ___ 6. FDIC | F. Public Works Administration |
| ___ 7. PWA | G. National Industrial Recovery Act |
| ___ 8. NRA | H. Agricultural Adjustment Administration |
| ___ 9. NIRA | I. Tennessee Valley Authority |

Interpreting Information

Read the description of the program or agency that was part of the New Deal. Then write on the line the initials that identify the program or agency.

- ___ 10. This act created both the NRA and the PWA. It was directed at controlling business practices and production.
- ___ 11. The purpose of this agency was to implement the legislation cutting farm production. Farmers were paid not to plant crops and to reduce marketable livestock.
- ___ 12. Unemployed young men were hired by this agency to work on public works projects, such as planting trees and building roads.

- ___ 13. This agency was established to protect bank deposits up to \$5,000.
- ___ 14. To supplement government aid to states, this program provided direct help to the unemployed by hiring them for minor government jobs. This work inspired the term *boondoggle*.
- ___ 15. Another public works program, this organization was directed by Harold Ickes and hired people to build bridges, highways, airports, and hospitals.
- ___ 16. A blue eagle symbolized this program, which was intended to standardize the price of goods and working hours.

Developing a Hypothesis

17. Why might the Civilian Conservation Corps have employed only males?

18. To stimulate economic growth, Franklin Roosevelt was determined to put people back to work. What might be the advantages and disadvantages of using government money to create jobs?

19. A number of the New Deal programs are still operating. The Nursing Authority, for example, is still involved in matters of nursing care in both homes and hospitals. Why do you think this agency is necessary?
