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Compare and Contrast: Hoover vs. FDR

	Hoover	FDR
Background		
Economic and Political Ties		
Plan for the Great Depression		
Quote		

Speech Text: Hoover vs. FDR

“During one hundred and fifty years we have builded up a form of self government and a social system which is peculiarly our own. It differs essentially from all others in the world. It is the American system.... It is founded upon the conception that only through ordered liberty, freedom and equal opportunity to the individual will his initiative and enterprise spur on the march of progress. And in our insistence upon equality of opportunity has our system advanced beyond all the world.”

- Herbert Hoover, 1928

1. What is Hoover’s main message in this speech? What idea does it support?
2. How did Hoover address the problems of the Great Depression during his presidency? What were the results?
3. How does this speech, given in 1928, differ from Hoover’s speech in 1931? Why might it differ?

“You and I will continue to refuse to accept that estimate of our unemployed fellow Americans [as lazy and worthless]. Your Government is still on the same side of the street with the Good Samaritan and not with those who pass by on the other side... Of course we will continue our efforts for young men and women so that they may obtain an education and an opportunity to put it to use. Of course we will continue our help for the crippled, for the blind, for the mothers, our insurance for the unemployed, our security for the aged.”

- Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1936

1. What is Roosevelt’s main message this speech? What does Roosevelt think the government should do for Americans who are poor or unemployed?
2. How did Roosevelt address the problems of the Great Depression? How is this different from Hoover?
3. How does this speech, given in 1936, compare to Roosevelt’s inaugural address given in 1933? List differences and similarities. What happened between these years?