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**The Ordeal of Herbert Hoover**

Go to the following website:

http://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2004/summer/hoover-1.html

With your partner, write a short paragraph (3-5 sentence) response to each of the following questions:

1. In what ways is Hoover justifiably criticized for his policies before and during the Great Depression?

2. In what ways does Hoover deserve acclaim for his personal conduct and goals as President?

3. What beliefs did Hoover hold that restrained him from being more aggressive in his approach

to reversing the affects of the Great Depression

4. What specific efforts and policies did Hoover direct at mitigating the Great Depression?

Hold a whole class debate/discussion on:

Choose which statement you believe is more accurate and explain your choice with examples.

5. Hoover should be blamed for the Great Depression

OR

Hoover should not be blamed for the Great Depression.

6. Hoover attempted to mitigate the suffering while staying within the bounds of his political philosophy (that the individual, not the government would ultimately be the cure for the economic problems)

OR

Hoover refused to deal with the reality of the oncoming Depression and therefore made it worse.