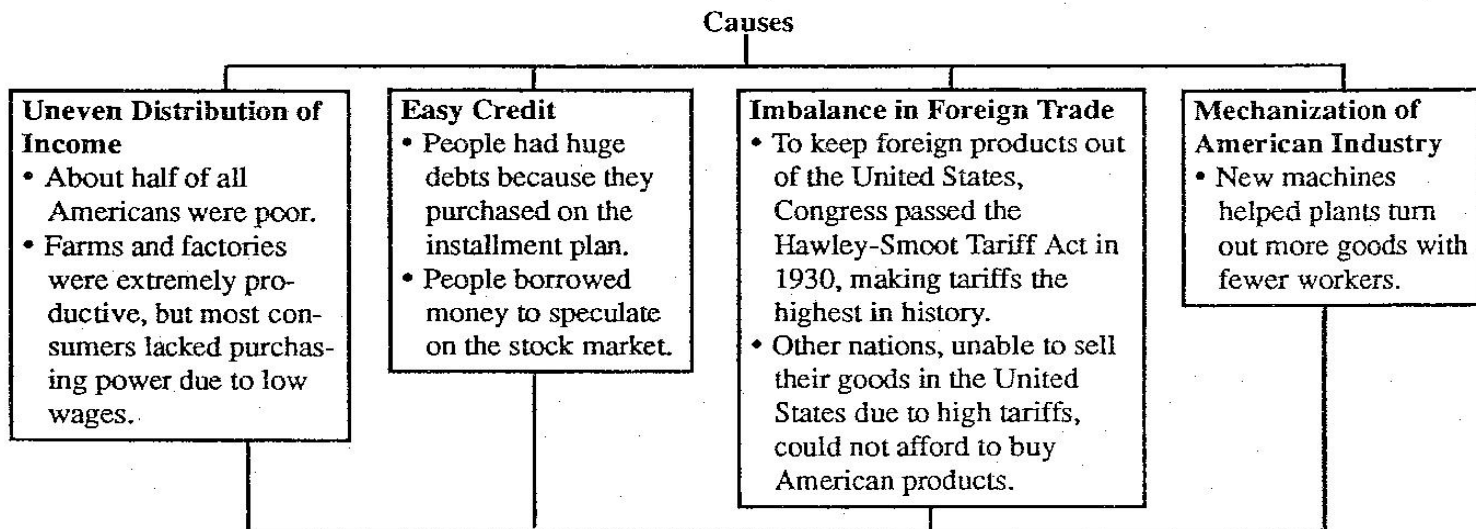


# The Nation's Economy Crashes

## RETEACHING ACTIVITY

**Directions:** Review the chart. Then answer the questions that follow. You will then understand the major causes that led to the Great Depression.



**Effects**

**The Great Depression**

- The national income—total payments to producers of the nation's goods and services—dropped by half.
- Eighty-five thousand businesses closed.
- 400,000 farmers lost their land through foreclosures.
- Six thousand banks failed—one-quarter of the country's total—because people could not repay their loans.
- 16 million people—one-third of the work force—were out of work and so had no money to buy goods.
- Hunger, aimlessness, and mental depression increased dramatically.
- In 1931 three-quarters of the nation's cities banned married women from holding jobs as teachers.
- Children were forced to look for work.
- Farm foreclosures and bankruptcies were common. Many farm owners became tenants. By 1932 farmers began destroying their own crops.

1. List the four major causes of the Great Depression.

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2. In what two ways had people run up huge debts during the 1920's?

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3. What effect did high tariffs have on the purchase of American products by other countries?

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4. What percentage of the nation's banks failed during the depression? \_\_\_\_\_

5. How were some children affected by the depression? \_\_\_\_\_

women? \_\_\_\_\_

farmers? \_\_\_\_\_