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Unintended Consequences: Government Policies and the Great Depression

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Discuss the challenges faced by policymakers during the Great Depression and the difficulties of predicting the unintended consequences of their actions. How did limited understanding of macroeconomics contribute to these unintended consequences?
2. Compare and contrast the roles of government policies and actions in both worsening and mitigating the Great Depression. Provide examples of policies that had unintended negative consequences and those that aimed to alleviate the economic crisis.
3. Reflect on the lessons learned from the government policies and actions during the Great Depression. How have these lessons shaped modern economic policies and the role of government in times of economic crisis?
4. Imagine you were an economist advising policymakers during the Great Depression. What advice would you have given to avoid the unintended consequences of government policies and actions?

