Digital History Assignment #2: New Deal? Raw Deal? What’s the Big Deal?

**STEP ONE:** Read and review the following digital sources:

- Site 1: FDR’s Fireside Chat #2 on Economic Progress (1933)
- Site 2: History of Social Welfare in the United States
- Site 3: Civilian Conservation Corps (Shenandoah National Park)
- Site 4: African Americans in the Civilian Conservation Corps
- Site 5: FDR’s Critics
- Site 6: Herbert Hoover on “Rugged Individualism” (1928)
- Site 7: Minority Groups during the Great Depression and New Deal (Gale)
- Site 8: Obamacare vs. The New Deal (New Republic, 2013)

**STEP TWO:** Based on your exploration of the websites above, draft a response (no more than one page) to the following questions:

What did FDR hope to achieve with his New Deal? What were the main criticisms of it? What comparisons can be made between the New Deal and President Obama’s Recovery Act of 2009 and the Affordable Care Act (“Obamacare”) of 2010? In your view, is the federal government responsible for ensuring Americans’ social welfare, or should all Americans rely on Herbert Hoover’s concept of “rugged individualism”? In your response, be sure to refer to at least three (3) of the websites above.

**STEP THREE:** Post your response to others in your Friday class in an online Discussion Forum at Cougar Courses by midnight on Friday, March 18.

For all of the Digital History Assignments this semester, there is no need to refer to the textbook. Instead, the point of the assignment is to rely exclusively on digital resources available on the internet. **Please do NOT refer to the textbook reading.**