

1932: THE CAMPAIGN SPEECHES

FEW ELECTIONS HAD A CLEARER CONTRAST FOR VOTERS THAN THE 1932 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. SITTING PRESIDENT HERBERT HOOVER HAD TAKEN A GREAT DEAL OF CRITICISM FOR HIS HANDLING OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION, BUT HE FELT JUSTIFIED IN HIS ACTIONS. MEANWHILE, NEW YORK GOVERNOR FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT FAVORED A MUCH MORE ACTIVE ROLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

YOUR ASSIGNMENT IS TO CRAFT TWO (2) CAMPAIGN SPEECHES, EACH WITH A LENGTH OF ONE (1) PAGE. ONE SPEECH WILL BE FOR THE RE-ELECTION OF HERBERT HOOVER. THIS SPEECH SHOULD EMPHASIZE HIS EFFORTS WITH REGARD TO THE GREAT DEPRESSION, AND IT SHOULD WARN VOTERS OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THE DEMOCRATS TAKE CHARGE. THE OTHER SPEECH WILL BE FOR THE ELECTION OF FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT. IT SHOULD BE CRITICAL OF THE HOOVER PRESIDENCY WITH REGARD TO THE DEPRESSION, AND IT SHOULD PROMISE MAJOR CHANGE.

GRADES WILL BE BASED ON:

- **USE OF HISTORICAL DETAIL**
- **PERSUASIVE ABILITY**
- **WRITING MECHANICS**