The New Deal and Its Legacy

How did the expansion of government during the New Deal affect the nation?

PREVIEW
In your notebook, sketch these people from the Conrad Albrizio mural The New Deal:
- President Roosevelt
- the man sitting in the center
- a group of workers around the center

Add a thought bubble to each sketch. In them, write what these people might be thinking about how the government could help Americans deal with the hardships of the Great Depression.

Below your drawing, briefly respond to this question: What does this mural reveal about the role of the government during this time period?

Key Content Terms
As you complete the Reading Notes, use these Key Content Terms in your answers:

National Industrial Recovery Act (NIRA)  Works Progress Administration (WPA)
Agricultural Adjustment Administration (AAA)
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)
Wagner Act
Social Security Act
Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO)
New Deal Coalition

Reading Notes
Sections 2 to 5
Draw a vertical line down the center of two pages in your notebook.

In each of the four columns, do the following:
1. Write the title of the mural panel, which is also the title of the corresponding section of your book.
2. Sketch three or more key details from the mural panel.
3. Below your sketches, write and respond to the Key Question for that section:

Section 2  What were the key programs of the First New Deal, and how did they affect Americans?
Section 3  Who were the critics of the First New Deal, and what were their criticisms?
Section 4  What were the key programs of the Second New Deal, and how did they affect Americans?
Section 5  How did the First and Second New Deals affect various groups of Americans?
Add information to your notes as you read the sections.

Section 6
Create an analogy to show the lasting impact of the New Deal on Americans by completing this statement:

The lasting impact of the New Deal on American society is like . . .

Use one of these comparisons, or write one of your own:
• a superhero that has saved the future of the country
• an advice column on how to live a good life
• a bad cold you caught and cannot get rid of
• an overbearing parent who controls your life

Make a simple drawing of your analogy, and write a brief explanation of it.

PROCESSING

Respond to this question in a well-written paragraph:

Was the expansion of government during the New Deal beneficial for all Americans?

Your paragraph should include the following:
• a clear topic sentence that communicates the main idea of your paragraph
• one or two pieces of evidence (facts, data, quotes, examples) from the reading to support your topic sentence
• one or two sentences that explain how your evidence supports your topic sentence