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THE GREAT DEPRESSION



SEPTEMBER 24, 1929

"There is no cause to worry. The high tide of prosperity will continue."
- Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury.

JUNE 29, 1930

"The worst is over without a doubt." - James J. Davis, Secretary of Labor.

JANUARY 20, 1931

"The country is not in good condition." - Calvin Coolidge.

MARCH 4, 1933

The only thing we have to fear is fear itself - nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance.
- Franklin D. Roosevelt



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THE DEPRESSION

F.D.R. - THE MAN WHO CHANGED AMERICA

At the time America was going through its worst economic crisis, Franklin Delano Roosevelt seemed to have a natural sense for leadership. This film shows how that charismatic quality appealed so much when America lacked direction and vitality. The film also traces the steps Roosevelt took to create a larger federal bureaucracy than had ever existed. Henry Fonda narrates.

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THE GREAT DEPRESSION

Unlike many strictly historical accounts, this documentary reveals something about the values and psychology behind the Great Depression. Since there had been so much faith in businessmen before the stock market crash, those families out of work had to deal with a sense of personal failure as well as economic deprivation. The country needed leadership and only F.D.R. seemed able to supply it. Still, the Depression continued and, as this documentary footage shows, so did the protests. Hughes Rudd narrates.

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GROWING UP IN THE GREAT DEPRESSION

The shared memories of five adults who survived the Depression weave a tapestry that illustrates an aspect of American culture in the 1930s: children maturing quickly and becoming self-reliant at an early age. A Coronet release.

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ROOSEVELT AND THE FIRESIDE CHATS: THE NEW DEAL YEARS

FDR's Fireside Chats were important tools in implementing the New Deal, gaining firm control of the government and initiating laws and programs which dramatically changed the role of the federal government. Using reenactments of the famous Fireside Chats, as well as historical footage, the power of the radio as a living document is revealed. "Fine acting, careful editing, and effective scripting." - *Booklist*. "Recommended." - *ABC-CLIO Video Rating Guide for Libraries*.

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THE PRESIDENCY

FIVE PRESIDENTS ON THE PRESIDENCY

Five past presidents discussed their thoughts and feelings about the presidency with CBS correspondent Eric Sevareid. Segments of these interviews are included in this film and topics such as presidential power, relations with Congress and the press, and foreign policy are discussed. Produced by CBS News.

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POWER AND THE PRESIDENCY

The nation's history has been profoundly affected by strong men who used their power to shape the character of the office. Washington, Jackson, Polk, Lincoln, McKinley, and Theodore Roosevelt reacted to public pressure and their own personal convictions to gradually increase the power of the presidency. George C. Scott narrates this film which broadens our view of the American tradition.

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ROOSEVELT AND THE FIRESIDE CHATS: THE WAR YEARS

Using reenactments of the Fireside Chats, historical newsreel footage and insightful commentary, this stimulating program shows how Roosevelt led the nation through the ordeal of WWII to arrive at a central role in international affairs.

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