

Fireside Chat Project

Directions: You are going to work in a group to create a fireside chat. You will need to write a script and then record it. Your chat will focus on the New Deal and your plans to end the depression. Remember that the fireside chats were carefully written to sound like a conversation with the public. The chats were used to explain FDR's policy in simple terms.

In your script you will need to include:

- Your plans to provide relief for the jobless
 - How will you help the homeless and the poor?
- Your plans to promote economic recovery
 - What sectors of the economy need to recover? How will you help?
- Your plans to reform the economic system?
 - What kind of measures will you take to try and prevent a future depression?
- Respond to the critics
 - What are the critics saying about the policies?
 - What are your arguments against the critics?
- Give the public confidence
 - Why should Americans feel safe to put money in a bank? Buy a new house or car?

Fireside Chat Rubric

Project Benchmarks	Points
Script Identifies and explains the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans to provide relief for the poor and jobless • Plans to promote economic recovery • Plans to reform the economic system • Explains the critics points of view • Argues against the critics • Gives the public confidence • The script is written in an easy to understand style 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - /4 - /4 - /4 - /4 - /2 - /2 - /4
Recording <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy to understand • Clear voice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - /4 - /4
Total	/32