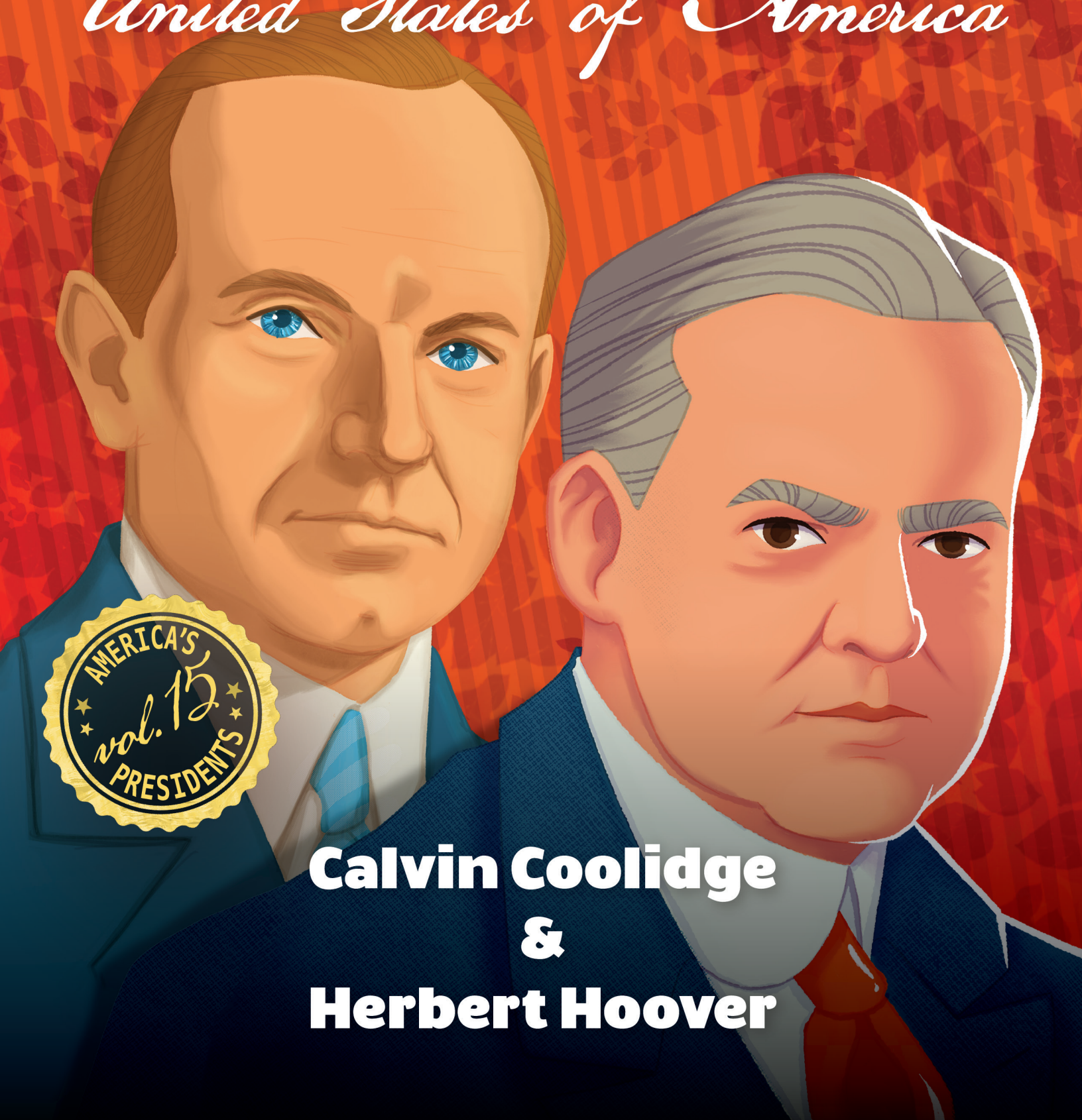


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&
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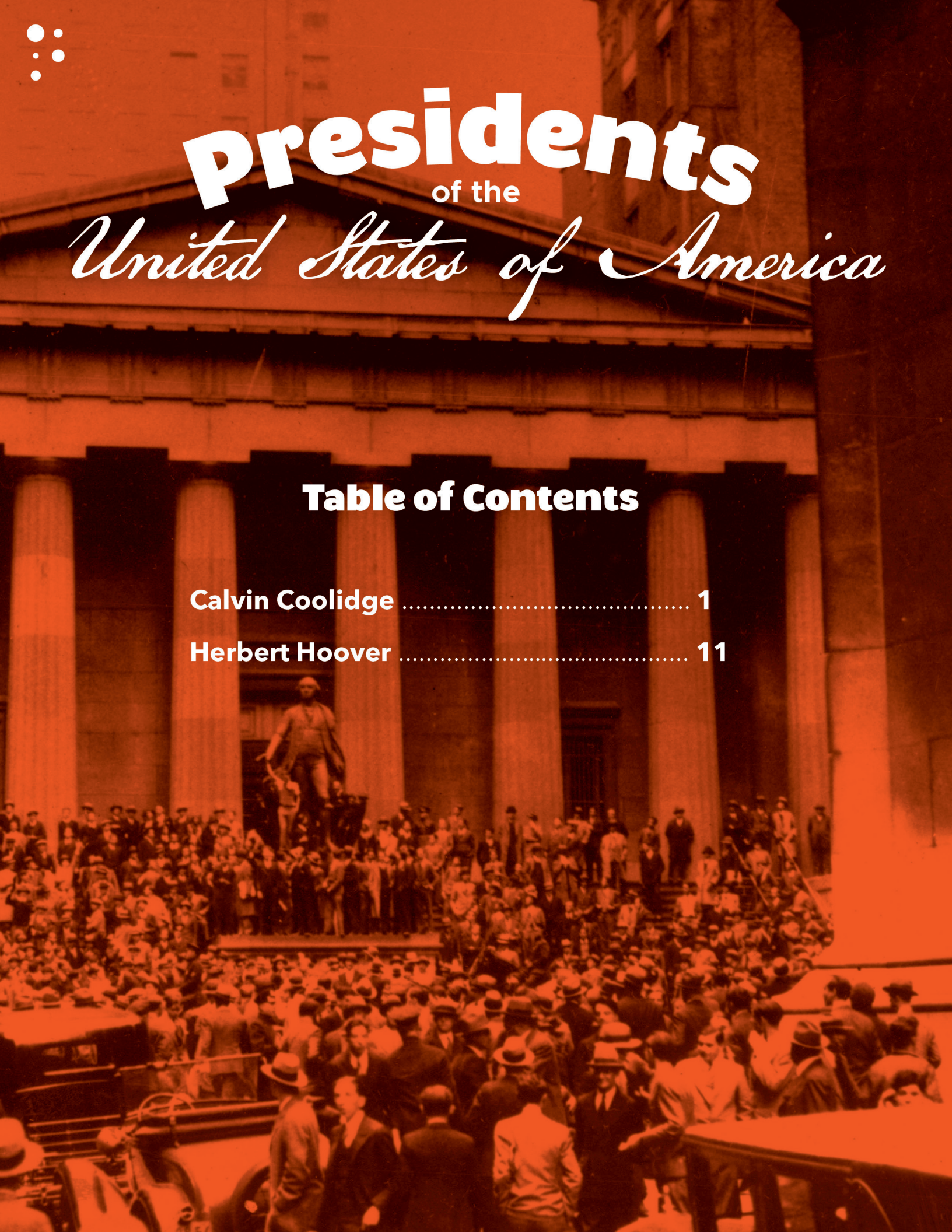
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Calvin Coolidge



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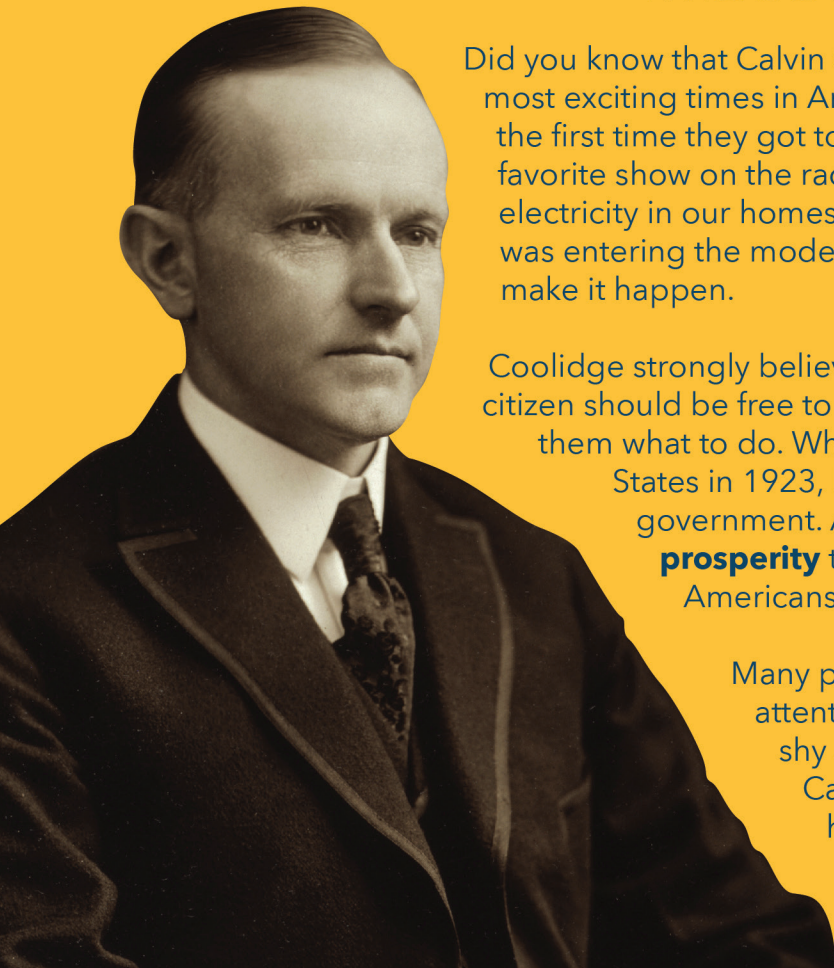
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Once you've solved this puzzle, you'll be a true PragerU Kids presidential historian!

Meet Calvin Coolidge



Did you know that Calvin Coolidge served as **p**resident during one of the most exciting times in American history? For millions of people, it was the first time they got to drive a car, see an airplane fly, or listen to their favorite show on the radio. Many of the things we enjoy today, like electricity in our homes, became commonplace in the 1920s. America was entering the modern world, and Coolidge's leadership helped make it happen.

Coolidge strongly believed in America's founding principles—that every citizen should be free to live their lives without the government telling them what to do. When he became the 30th President of the United States in 1923, he worked to reduce the power of the government. As a result, the country enjoyed great **prosperity** throughout the 1920s, and millions of Americans' lives improved.

Many people in politics love to be the center of attention, but Coolidge was different. **H**e was a very shy and quiet man. He was even nicknamed "Silent Cal." The voters, however, admired him for his hard work and honesty, so they elected him to many positions in government. He overcame his shyness to become one of the most popular presidents in American history.

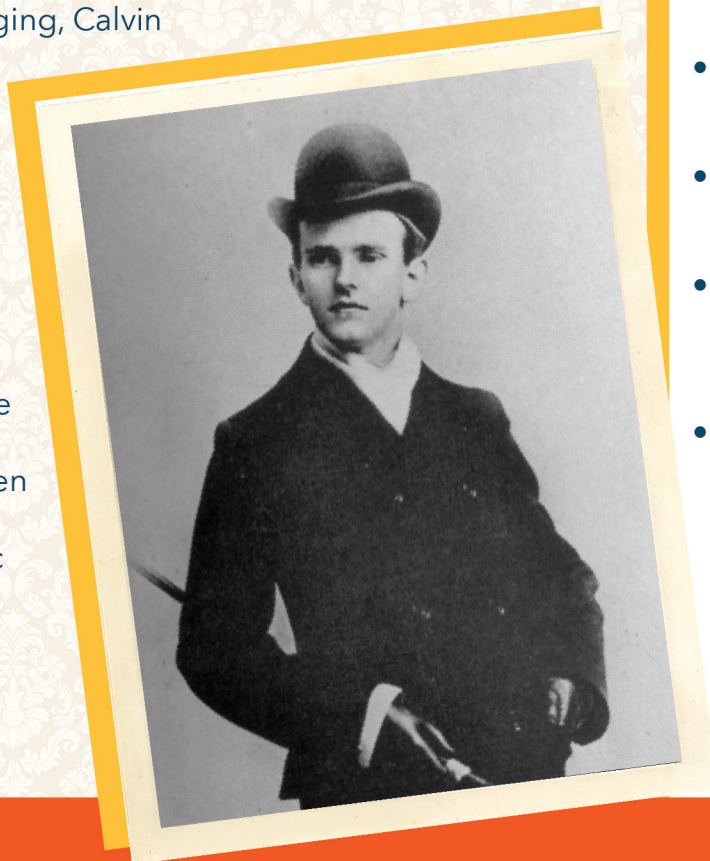
Young Calvin

Calvin Coolidge was born on July 4, 1872, in Plymouth Notch, Vermont. He was the oldest son of John and Victoria Coolidge. He had a younger sister named Abigail, who he called "Abbie." His father was a hardworking farmer and store owner and even served in politics for the state of Vermont.

Young Calvin helped his family out by doing chores. At first, he didn't seem to stand out from his peers. He was very shy and an average student at school. He did, however, love to read and while in high school, developed an interest in public speaking. He was even chosen to give a speech during his high school graduation.

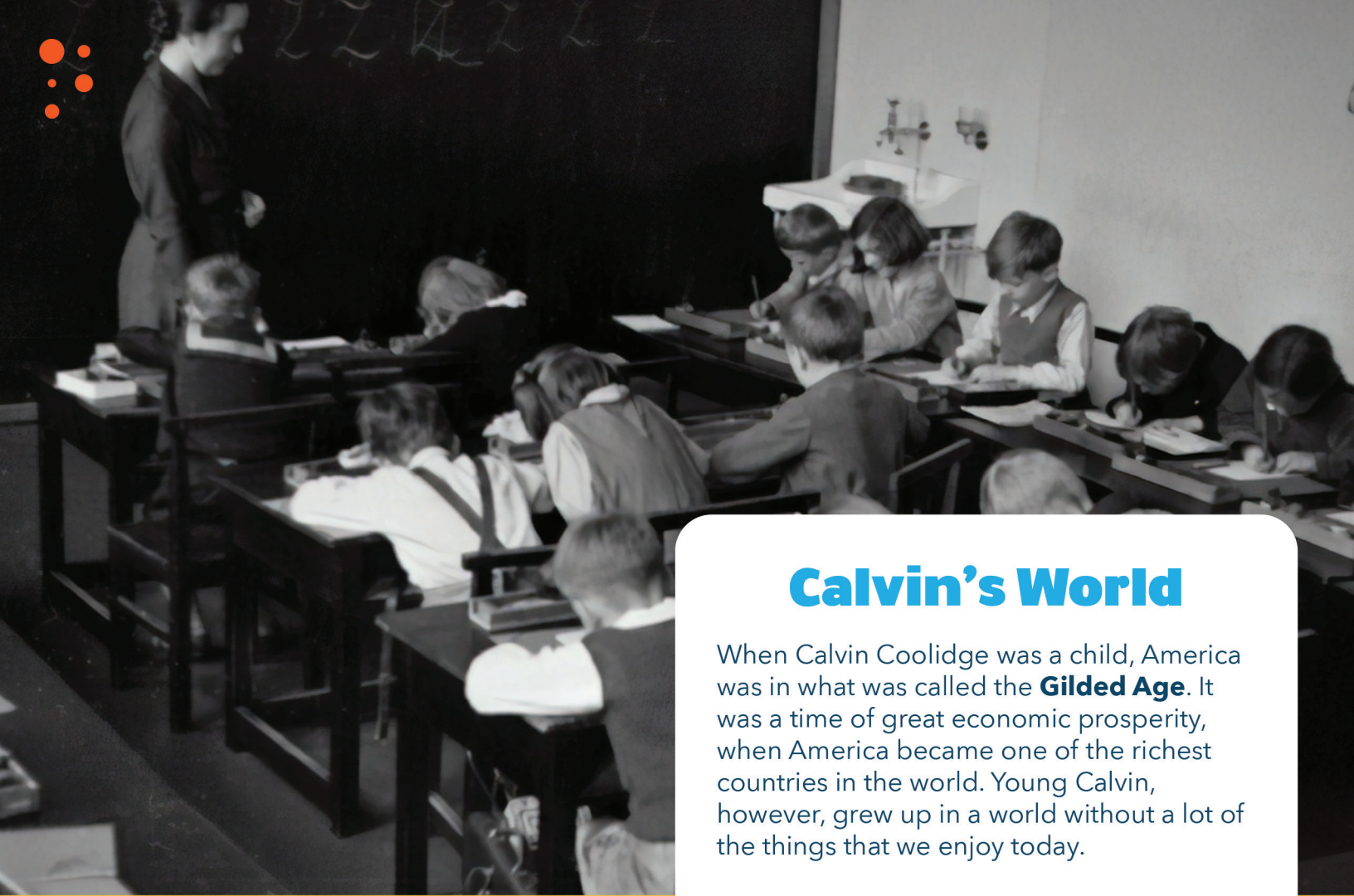
Like many families in the 19th century, the Coolidges experienced their share of tragedies. When Calvin was just 12 years old, his mother died of what some believe was tuberculosis. About five years later, Calvin lost his sister Abbie from what may have been appendicitis. Calvin was very sad about their deaths. While he was away at school in Ludlow, Vermont, he wrote to his father, "it is lonely here without Abbie."

From his upbringing, Calvin learned the importance of working hard and spending money wisely. He believed that one should live within their means and not get into **debt**. He would apply these values when he grew up and became a public official.



Interesting Facts

- His full name was John Calvin Coolidge, Jr., but he went by Calvin.
- He was a member of the Republican Party.
- He is the only president (as of 2024) to share a birthday with the United States.
- He is the only president (as of 2024) to be sworn into office by his father.
- He had many pets: cats named Climber and Tiger, lion cubs named Budget Bureau and Tax Reduction, and a collie named Rob Roy. Later, he had a pet raccoon! Have you discovered her name?
- He balanced the budget every year he was president.
- He was the first president to visit Cuba while president.
- He granted citizenship to all Native Americans in the United States.
- During his presidency, Calvin Coolidge had his son, Calvin Jr., work at a tobacco farm. One of Calvin Jr.'s coworkers said, "If the president was my father, I wouldn't be working here." Calvin Jr. replied, "If my father were your father, you would."



Calvin's World

When Calvin Coolidge was a child, America was in what was called the **Gilded Age**. It was a time of great economic prosperity, when America became one of the richest countries in the world. Young Calvin, however, grew up in a world without a lot of the things that we enjoy today.

People didn't have cell phones or laptops. There was no such thing as the Internet, social media, or video games. Many families didn't even have running water or electricity in their homes. They had to use gas or kerosene lamps for lighting. Nowadays, most families have cars. That wasn't the case back then. People had to walk or ride on horses and mules to get to work. Kids who lived on farms often had to walk several miles to school.

Schools sometimes were held in just one room. Kids spent a lot of time not just at school and doing homework but also helping out on the farm. They would help plow and plant crops, tend the farm animals, help preserve food, churn butter, do the laundry, and help raise young siblings.

The Bookshelf

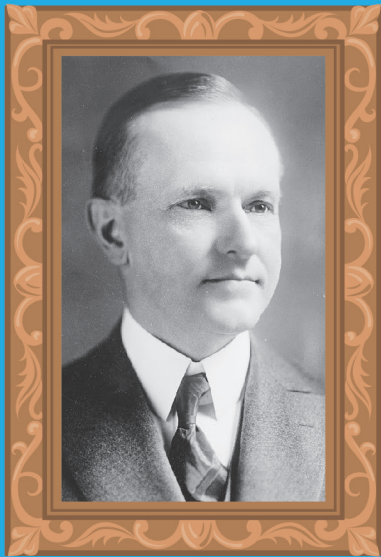
In the late 1800s, kids didn't have movies or TV shows to watch, but they enjoyed books like *Gulliver's Travels*, *Swiss Family Robinson*, *Treasure Island*, and *Heidi*.



Education, Family, and Early Career

After Calvin graduated from high school, he enrolled in Amherst College in Massachusetts in 1891. At Amherst College, Calvin learned more about politics. His family supported the Republican Party, and his studies only confirmed his **conservative** beliefs. Again, he was shy toward his classmates, earned a reputation for being a very good public speaker, and was chosen to speak at the graduation ceremony.

After finishing college, Calvin became a lawyer. In 1903, he met a woman named Grace Goodhue, who was a teacher at a local school for the deaf. They met when they were neighbors, and Grace accidentally spotted him through a window at his house while he was shaving. They married in 1905 and would eventually have two children, John and Calvin Jr.



Quote

"For almost a quarter of a century she has borne with my infirmities, and I have rejoiced in her graces."

- Coolidge referring to his wife, Grace Coolidge, November 1929

Rise to Power

Eventually, Coolidge entered politics, just like his father. He became the mayor of his hometown, Northampton, Massachusetts. As mayor, he focused on cutting spending and went through the **city's budget** line by line to get rid of waste. The people of his city were grateful when he lowered their **taxes**. When he was elected to the Massachusetts state legislature, he supported several pieces of modern legislation, such as giving women the right to vote, but he opposed the **radical** parts of the **progressive** movement. He felt that many labor groups, like the Industrial Workers of the World, were trying to transform America into a **socialist** country.

In 1915, Coolidge became a top leader in Massachusetts when he was elected as the lieutenant governor. He was so popular in the state that three years later, he ran for governor and won.

National Figure

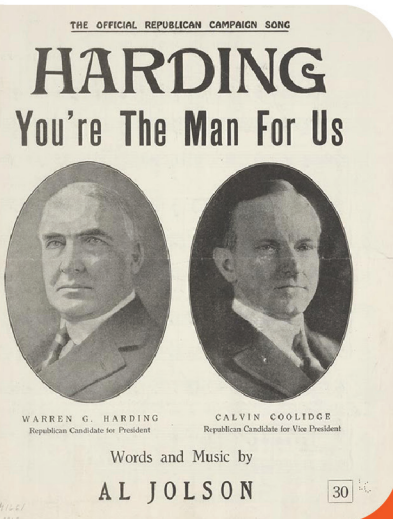
During Coolidge's time as governor, the United States was going through a lot of problems. Radical progressives were trying to stir up violence and destroy the country. In 1917, radicals called Bolsheviks took over Russia, the biggest country in the world, and turned it into a **communist state**. Some feared that this same thing was happening in America. In 1919, radicals convinced workers in Seattle to go on strike, which paralyzed the city.

As governor, Coolidge remained calm and acted decisively. He wrote a message announcing, "There is no right to strike against the public safety by anybody, anywhere, any time," and sent in the state militia to restore order. Many Americans were scared by all of the violence but impressed by Coolidge's leadership.

The Republican Party was also impressed and chose Coolidge to be its vice presidential candidate in 1920, alongside its presidential candidate Warren G. Harding. That November, Harding and Coolidge were elected in a **landslide**.

As vice president, Coolidge was very loyal to President Harding and supported his policies. Unfortunately, Harding died of a heart attack on August 2, 1923.

Next, they encouraged Boston police officers to strike; they did in September 1919. This left the city of Boston unprotected against robbers and crooks. Violence broke out, and several innocent Bostonians were killed.



Civil Rights for All

During Coolidge's presidency, the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) grew and even held a march in Washington, D.C. in 1925. Coolidge opposed the racism that the KKK represented and spoke out in favor of civil rights, especially for black Americans. He praised black servicemembers in World War I, saying, "The black man showed himself the same kind of citizen, moved by the same kind of patriotism, as the white man."

Quote

"The chief business of the American people is business. They are profoundly concerned with producing, buying, selling, investing, and prospering in the world."

- January 1925



President

In 1923, Calvin Coolidge became the President of the United States. He had a lot of problems to solve. President Woodrow Wilson had spent a lot of money during World War I, and the country was in massive debt. Coolidge felt it was unfair to build up debt because future generations would have to pay for it.

He and his top budget officer, Herbert Lord, went through the government's budget line by line and cut everything that was wasteful and unnecessary. They found that there was a lot to cut. He even got mad at the White House housekeeper for spending too much money on ham for a formal dinner. It showed that Coolidge was willing to make the same sacrifices in his own home that he asked others to make.

Coolidge also felt the government was taking too much of the people's money in taxes. He cut taxes in 1924 and again in 1926. Since people were able to keep more of the money they worked hard to earn, they were able to buy more things. This meant that people making things had more money, too. Everyone had more money, and the economy boomed.

The American people were very happy. They elected Coolidge president in a landslide in 1924. They felt confident about their country. They were proud when a young pilot named Charles Lindbergh amazed the world in 1927 and became the first person to fly across the Atlantic Ocean by himself. Lindbergh's feat seemed to show that Americans could achieve anything they wanted.

Coolidge was so popular that many people hoped he would run for re-election in 1928, but he shocked everyone when he announced that he would not be a candidate for president again. One of Coolidge's Cabinet members, Herbert Hoover, was elected president to replace him. Even though they came from the same party, Coolidge worried Hoover might raise taxes and ruin the strong economy.



Tragedy in the White House

In 1924, the Coolidges suffered a devastating tragedy when their 16-year-old son, Calvin Jr., died. He suffered blood poisoning after playing tennis at the White House and getting a blister on his foot. President Coolidge later wrote, "When he went, the power and the glory of the presidency went with him."

Quote

*"The appropriation of public money always is perfectly lovely until someone is asked to pay the bill."
- August 1930*



Charles Lindbergh, the first person to fly across the Atlantic Ocean alone.

Retirement

Calvin Coolidge left the presidency in March 1929. His concerns about Hoover became evident after the stock market crashed in October 1929, and Hoover raised taxes and spent a lot of government money. This took money away from the American people. This and several other decisions ended up destroying the economy and causing the **Great Depression**. Millions of Americans lost their jobs and their homes. They remembered the days of Coolidge's presidency when they had great prosperity.

In 1932, the American people rejected Hoover and elected Franklin D. Roosevelt as president. He had promised to cut government spending but would eventually change his mind. Meanwhile, Coolidge remained active and even wrote articles for a newspaper. He was sad that America had ruined its economy by abandoning his policies. On January 5, 1933, Calvin Coolidge died at the age of 60 at his home in Northampton.

Quote

"To live under the American Constitution is the greatest political privilege that was ever accorded to the human race."

- December 1924

Legacy

Thanks to Calvin Coolidge, America had more economic opportunities than ever before. Millions of Americans had good jobs and could support their families. For the first time, many of them could afford to buy cars and homes. Businessmen and inventors had the freedom to create new products that Americans could enjoy.

A few months after Coolidge retired from the presidency, the **stock market** crashed. After that, Americans were in the worst economic depression in their country's history. Some argue that Coolidge's policies led to the Great Depression and that he should have used the government to prevent it. Others point to government actions after Coolidge left office that made the Depression so devastating. Coolidge's defenders say that had his successors followed his example, millions of Americans would not have lost their jobs and suffered through so much.

Even though people have different opinions about Calvin Coolidge, it is clear that he had great faith in the American people to make their own decisions. To this day, millions of Americans celebrate the 1920s as a time of great excitement and opportunity.





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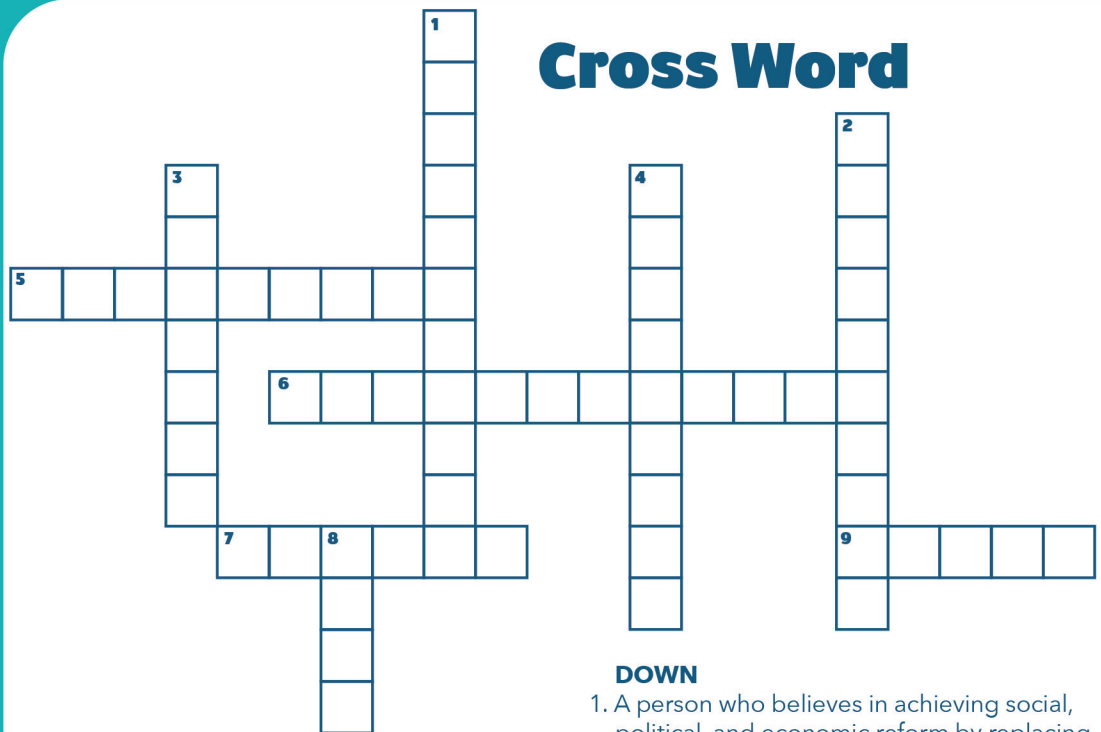
Coolidge believed that every citizen should be free to live their lives without the government telling them what to do. What do you think? Should the government tell citizens how to live their lives? Give three specific examples to back up your argument.

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Silent but Funny

Although Coolidge was known for being a man of few words, he made the most of them. According to a famous anecdote, during a dinner party, a woman sitting next to him said she made a bet that she could get more than two words out of him. His response: "You lose."

Cross Word



ACROSS

- 5. An election where the winner wins by a large number of votes.
- 6. A person who believes in the Founding Fathers' principles that government should be limited and should focus on protecting citizens' freedoms.
- 7. The plan or record of the amount of money that a person or organization spends and receives.
- 9. Money that the government takes from the people so that it can function.

DOWN

- 1. A person who believes in achieving social, political, and economic reform by replacing the Founding Fathers' principles with new ideas and a more powerful government.
- 2. A period of time when the economy is strong, and people have a lot of money and good jobs.
- 3. A person who wants to transform the political, economic, and social system of the country through extreme policies.
- 4. A person who believes that no one should be able to own anything individually and the government should control the economy.
- 8. The total amount of money that a person or organization has borrowed from others.

Glossary

Prosperity: A period of time when the economy is strong, and people have a lot of money and good jobs.

Debt: The total amount of money that a person or organization has borrowed from others.

Gilded Age: The time in American history after the Civil War when the nation enjoyed great prosperity; gilded refers to something cheap being covered in a thin gold coating, which some felt was symbolic of America at the time, where great wealth masked many problems.

Conservative: A person who believes in the Founding Fathers' principles that government should be limited and should focus on protecting citizens' freedoms.

Budget: The plan or record of the amount of money that a person or organization spends and receives.

Taxes: Money that the government takes from the people so that it can function.

Radical: A person who wants to transform the political, economic, and social system of the country through extreme policies.

Progressive: A person who believes in achieving social, political, and economic reform by replacing the Founding Fathers' principles with new ideas and a more powerful government.

Socialist: A person who believes that no one should be able to own anything individually and the government should control the economy.

Communist State: A country where the government controls every aspect of the people's lives and where individuals cannot own anything by themselves.

Landslide: An election where the winner wins by a large number of votes.

Great Depression: The time in American history, starting 1929 and continuing throughout the 1930s, when the economy had collapsed and millions of people didn't have jobs.

Stock Market: The part of the economy where people can invest and own parts of companies to make money.

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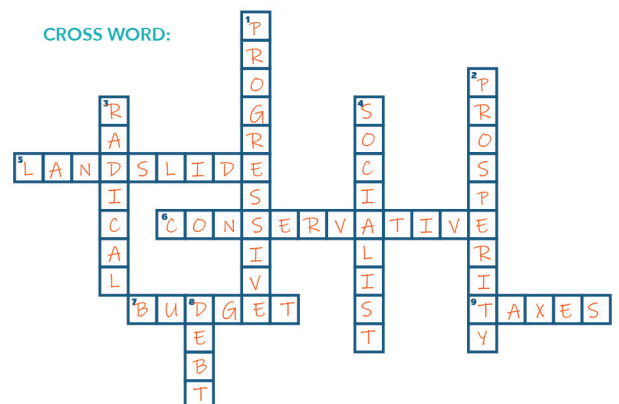
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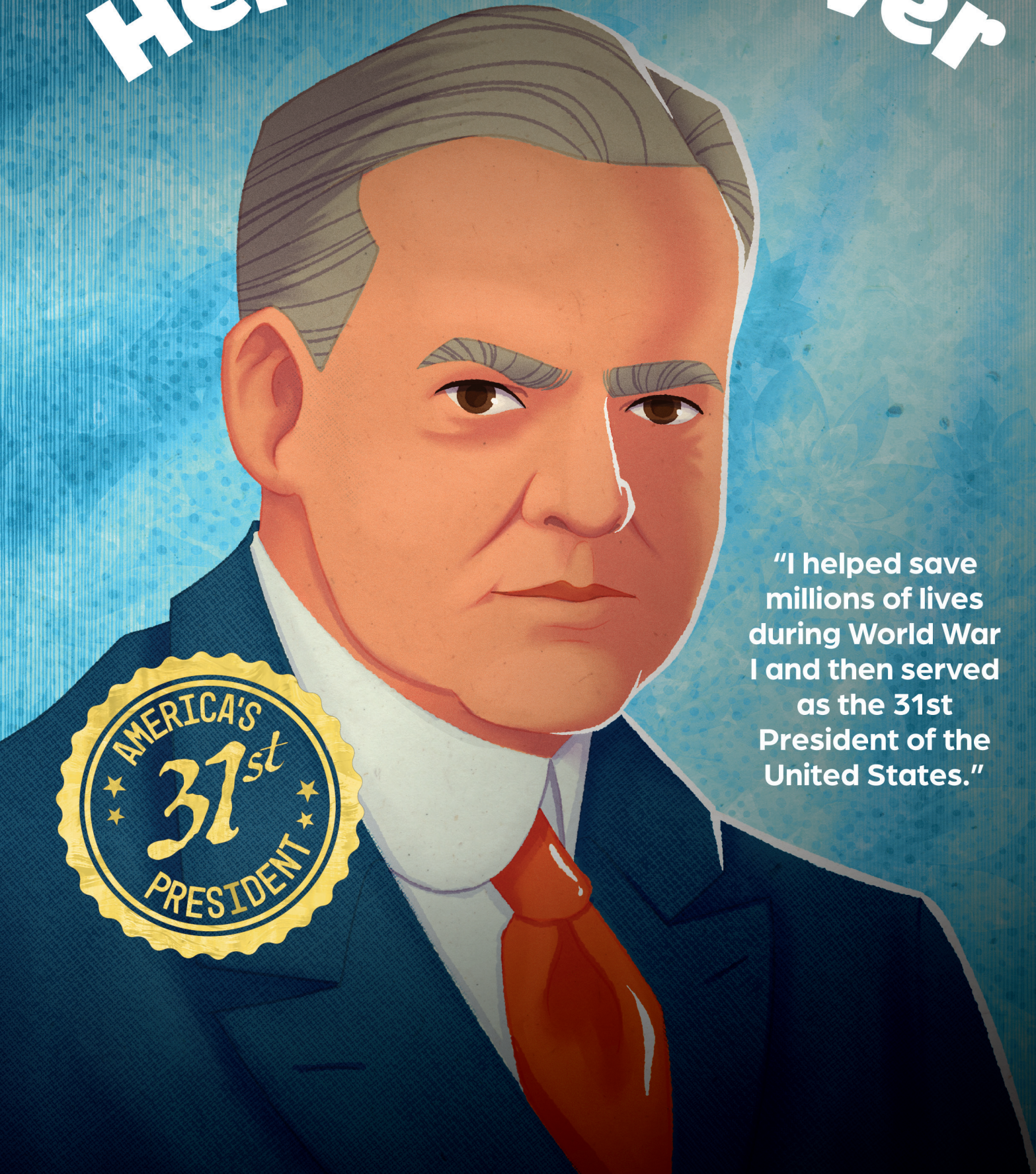
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Answers



COOLIDGE'S PET RACCOON:
REBECCA

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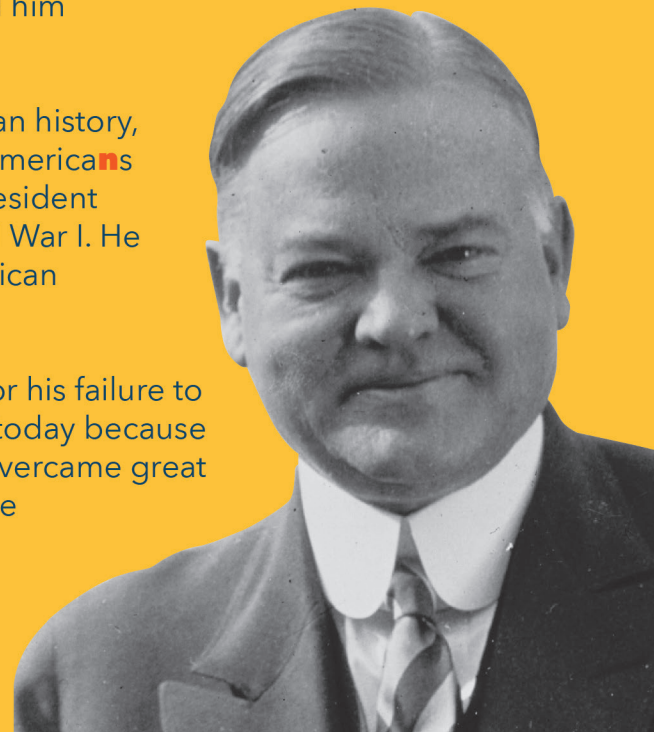
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Meet Herbert Hoover

Some historians believe that Herbert Hoover directly saved **m**ore lives than anyone else in modern history. During and after **World War I**, Europeans were left homeless and without food and water. Families across the continent were left to starve. After hearing about Hoover's great organizational abilities, the American and European governments gave him the authority to provide the needy with shelter, nourishment, and medical care. His heroic efforts saved millions of people from certain death. The **A**merican people were so impressed that they nicknamed him "The Great **H**umanitarian" and elected him president in 1928.

The **G**reat Depression, the worst economic crisis in American history, began soon after Hoover took office. This time, millions of American**s** were unemployed and in desperate need. Unfortunately, President Hoover couldn't duplicate his impressive feats during World War I. He made decisions that made the Depression worse. The American people lost faith in him and voted him out of office in 1932.

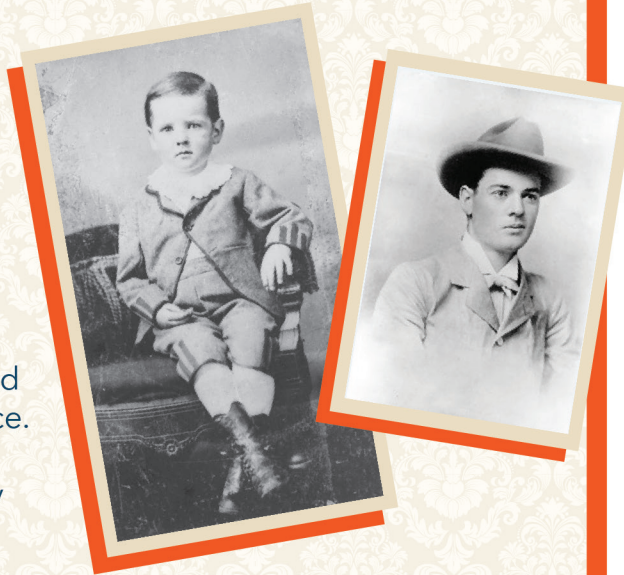
Ever since his presid**e**ncy, Hoover has been known mainly for his failure to stop the Depression. Still, there are millions of people alive today because Hoover saved their ancestors during World War I. Also, he overcame great challenges in his own life. He was born to a poor family in the **Q**uaker community—a religious group from England that, among other things, has opposed slavery and warfare—and was orphaned at a young age. Despite this, he rose to become America's president. Hoover's story is one of both great triumph and tragedy.



Young Herbert

Herbert Hoover was born on August 10, 1874, in the quiet Quaker town of West Branch, Iowa. His father, Jesse, was a blacksmith. His mother, Hulda, was a very devout Quaker. Young Herbert had an older brother named Theodore and a younger sister named Mary. When Herbert was two years old, he almost died when he began coughing and couldn't stop. When he stopped breathing, his parents thought he had died, but his uncle, a doctor, was able to revive him.

Life, however, didn't get any easier for young Herbert. Both of his parents had died before Herbert was 10 years old. He and his brother and sister were orphans. Herbert moved to Oregon to live with his uncle. While there, he went to school and worked at a real estate office. His bosses realized that he was a hard worker and very well-organized.



Interesting Facts

- He was orphaned by the time he was 10 years old.
- He was a member of the Republican Party.
- He is the first Quaker to serve as president.
- As of 2024, he is the last president to be elected directly from a presidential Cabinet position.
- His vice president, Charles Curtis, was the first vice president to have non-white ancestry (he was part Native American).
- He lived 31 years after leaving the presidency, one of the longest presidential retirements in American history.



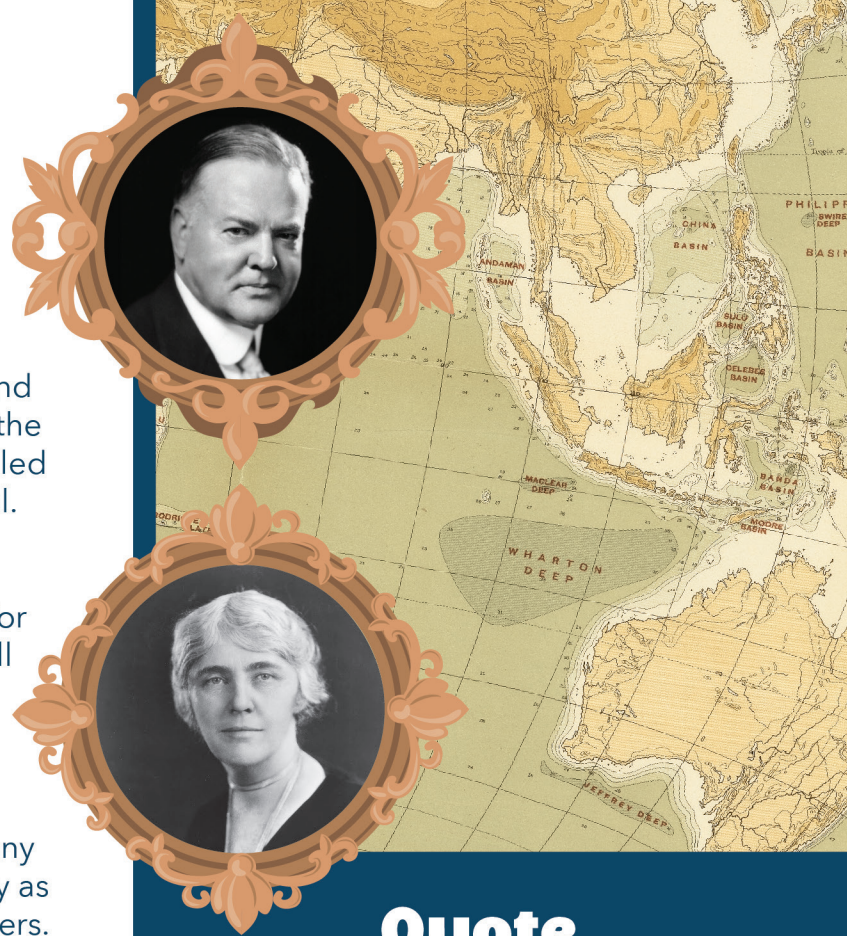
Herbert Hoover's boyhood home in Iowa

Education, Family, and Early Career

One day at the office, he met an **engineer**. At the time, engineers were changing the world, designing magnificent railroads, steamships, and skyscrapers. Hoover wanted to be a part of all the exciting change, and when he was 17, he enrolled in Stanford University's new engineering school.

After graduating, Hoover went to work for a **mining** company based in London, England. For the next several decades, Hoover lived a life full of dangers and adventures. His job sent him around the world looking for and managing mines. He traveled through the dry deserts of Australia, the hills of China, and the jungles of Burma. His mine discoveries earned his company millions of dollars, and he became very wealthy as one of the world's most successful mine managers.

Along the way, Hoover married another student from Stanford, Lou Henry, in 1899. They would have two children, Herbert Jr. and Allan.



Quote

*"Within the soul of America is freedom of mind and spirit."
- August 1948*

Boxer Rebellion

Herbert and Lou Henry Hoover lived in China in 1900. During their time there, Chinese resentment of foreigners led to the outbreak of the Boxer Rebellion. The uprising turned violent, and a group of 100,000 Boxer rebels trapped many Europeans and Americans, including the Hoovers, in the city of Tientsin. The Hoovers courageously rode their bikes through Boxer gunfire to transport supplies and help save the city. An army of Americans, Europeans, and Japanese soldiers came to the city's rescue, and the Hoovers moved to London soon after.



Quote

*"The glory of American ideals is the right of every man to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience."
- August 1928*



Rise to Power

In 1901, Hoover and his family moved to London. He was a top leader in his mining company and befriended many other businessmen. His life changed, however, when World War I broke out in 1914. The fighting in the war destroyed cities across Europe and disrupted every aspect of life. The people of Belgium, about 7.5 million total, ran out of food. Since Hoover was a brilliant organizer, he led an effort to get food and water for the Belgians. He saved the country from a devastating **famine**.

Hoover's work impressed American President Woodrow Wilson. After the United States entered the war in 1917, he gave Hoover two very important assignments. First, President Wilson asked Hoover to manage the country's food economy. American soldiers were fighting in Europe and needed food and supplies. Hoover asked the American people not to eat certain foods on certain days so that they could be sent to the soldiers instead.

When the war ended in 1918, Europe was completely destroyed. Just like in Belgium, people across the entire continent had little access to food. Wilson created the American Relief Administration to help the people of Europe and put Hoover in charge. Once again, Hoover organized the distribution of food for the poor and needy—this time, he saved people in 32 countries! Some historians say 200 million people would have died without Hoover's brilliant efforts.

Secretary of Commerce

In 1920, Republican candidate Warren G. Harding was elected president. He appointed Hoover to be **Secretary of Commerce**, which gave him an important role in the nation's economy. After President Harding died in 1923, he continued serving under Harding's successor, Calvin Coolidge.

Hoover found ways to make the economy more **efficient**. He brought business leaders together to figure out how to make products more cheaply, which made them less expensive for consumers. People around the world admired Hoover for all of his work. Many Americans felt Hoover was a genius, and when he ran for president as a Republican in 1928, they elected him in a landslide.

Quote

*"Being a politician is a poor profession. Being a public servant is a noble one."
- January 1962*

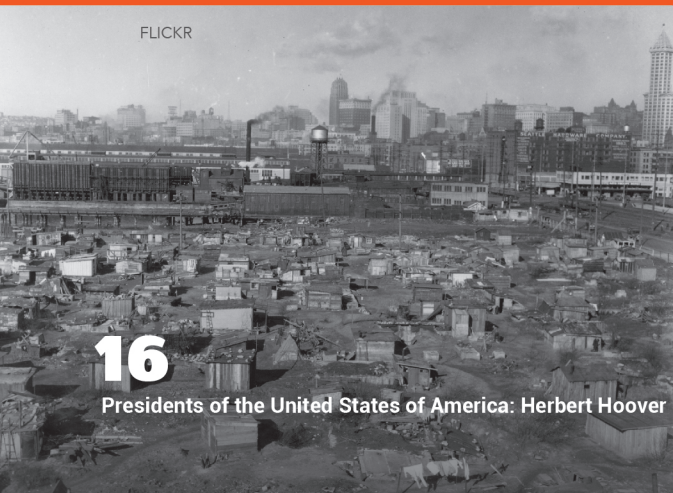


President

Throughout Hoover's career, he had engineered brilliant solutions to difficult problems. When the Depression broke out, many Americans believed he would succeed yet again. Unfortunately, he wasn't very effective at dealing with an economic crisis.

After the **stock market** crashed in October 1929, many businesses and banks failed. People lost their jobs, their homes, and their savings. Hoover tried to use the government to engineer solutions. He raised taxes on the American people, but this just made life harder for them. Higher taxes meant that the government took money right out of people's wallets and bank accounts. This made it more difficult for everyone to buy food and other necessities. This also meant businesses didn't have enough money to hire or pay their workers.

Americans would forever remember the Great Depression as a time of great hardship. The **unemployment rate** reached a record-shattering 25% in 1932, meaning that one out of every four workers was out of a job. People lost their homes and had to sleep in **shantytowns**. They blamed Hoover and mocked him by nicknaming their temporary homes "Hoovervilles." They slept outdoors and, to keep warm, they covered themselves with newspapers, which they called "Hoover blankets." When Hoover ran for re-election in 1932, he lost in a landslide to Democratic candidate Franklin D. Roosevelt.



Retirement

Although it was a devastating defeat, Hoover continued to work hard after his presidency. He helped President Truman in 1947 and President Eisenhower in 1953 find ways to make government more efficient. He wrote many books and continued to give speeches. He also relaxed by spending time fishing, even writing a book titled *Fishing For Fun—And to Wash Your Soul*.

As the years went on, more Americans remembered his service during World War I and admired him for his amazing accomplishments. He lived one of the longest retirements of any president. He died on October 20, 1964 in New York City at the age of 90.

Quote

"I have no fears for the future of our country. It is bright with hope."
- March 1929

Legacy

Herbert Hoover's career is marked by both brilliant successes and devastating failures. His achievements during World War I and as Secretary of Commerce are among the greatest in modern history. He quite possibly saved hundreds of millions of people around the world from suffering and death. Few people in modern history have ever accomplished so much good for so many people.

However, he failed to understand that the same solutions in times of war do not work during an economic crisis. During wartime, the government is more effective when it has the power to defeat a common enemy. A strong economy, however, can only develop when the government has limited power and gives people and businesses the freedom to make decisions for themselves.

Hoover tried to do too much during the Depression, raising taxes and making restrictive rules for businesses, and the American people suffered for it.

Hoover is rightfully criticized for these decisions, but this has led people to forget his great contributions prior to the presidency. When studying Hoover's legacy, it is important to recognize his entire story and to learn from both his mistakes and achievements.



Sudoku

As an engineer, Hoover needed to be good with numbers. Use the numbers 1-9 to solve the sudoku puzzles. Each row, column, and 3x3 box can only contain one of each number between 1 and 9.

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Hoover Dam

Herbert Hoover was a strong supporter of hydroelectric power (harnessing the power of water to produce electricity). In July 1930, President Hoover signed a bill to fund the building of a dam on the Colorado River (on the border of Arizona and Nevada), which would provide electricity to Americans living in parts of the western United States. The following year, Congress named the dam after Hoover. When it was completed in 1936, the Roosevelt Administration tried to rename it Boulder Dam, because of Roosevelt's dislike of former President Hoover. In 1947, however, Congress officially restored its original name, Hoover Dam.

The dam is one of the most impressive engineering structures in the United States. It is 726 feet tall and 1,244 feet long at the crest and weighs over six million tons. It generates about 4 billion kilowatt-hours of power every year, enough to serve 1.3 million people.



Glossary

World War I: A war that involved most of the countries in Europe from 1914 to 1918. It was considered the most devastating war in history up to that time.

Humanitarian: A person who does much to improve people's lives.

Great Depression: The time in American history, starting 1929 and continuing throughout the 1930s, when the economy had collapsed and millions of people didn't have jobs.

Quaker: A member of a Protestant Christian religious group that is known for opposing participation in wars.

Engineer: A person who designs or builds machines and/or structures.

Mining: The process of obtaining valuable materials from the earth.

Famine: A situation where food is very difficult to find, and people are starving.

Secretary of Commerce: The government official in charge of the U.S. Department of Commerce who advises the President on trade issues.

Efficient: To work in a well-organized way with little waste.

Stock Market: The part of the economy where people can invest and own parts of companies to make money.

Unemployment Rate: The percentage of people in a country without a job out of everyone who is able to work.

Shantytown: An area where poor and homeless people build cheap, temporary homes, often made out of wood.

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Answers

HOOVER'S LANGUAGE: MANDARIN CHINESE

(Note: Mandarin Chinese is the national language of the People's Republic of China. It is, however, one of many languages and dialects spoken in China.)

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Notes



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