SS.912.A.5.11 – Great Depression and New Deal – Example 10 Answer

Use the quotation in the box below and your knowledge of U.S. history to answer the following question.

“Little by little the American federation is transforming itself into a union, marked by the growth in importance of the role of the federal capital. In the beginning the U.S. had only a small federal bureaucracy. Today, the central administration is powerful and rich.

--Andre Maurois in “This Was America”

Author Andre Maurois traveled through the U.S. in the 1930s and observed a growing unity in the American people. How did the New Deal help bring Americans closer together?

A. The New Deal involved the federal government trying to fix a national problem.

B. New Deal jobs and public works programs gave people something to agree upon.

C. President Roosevelt, who designed the New Deal, was elected four times.

D. The New Deal encouraged the spread of popular culture through radio and movies.

Answer

A. The New Deal involved the federal government trying to fix a national problem.

The power of the federal government grew exponentially in the Great Depression as it took on rapid spending to try and eliminate the burdens of the poor and stop the Depression.