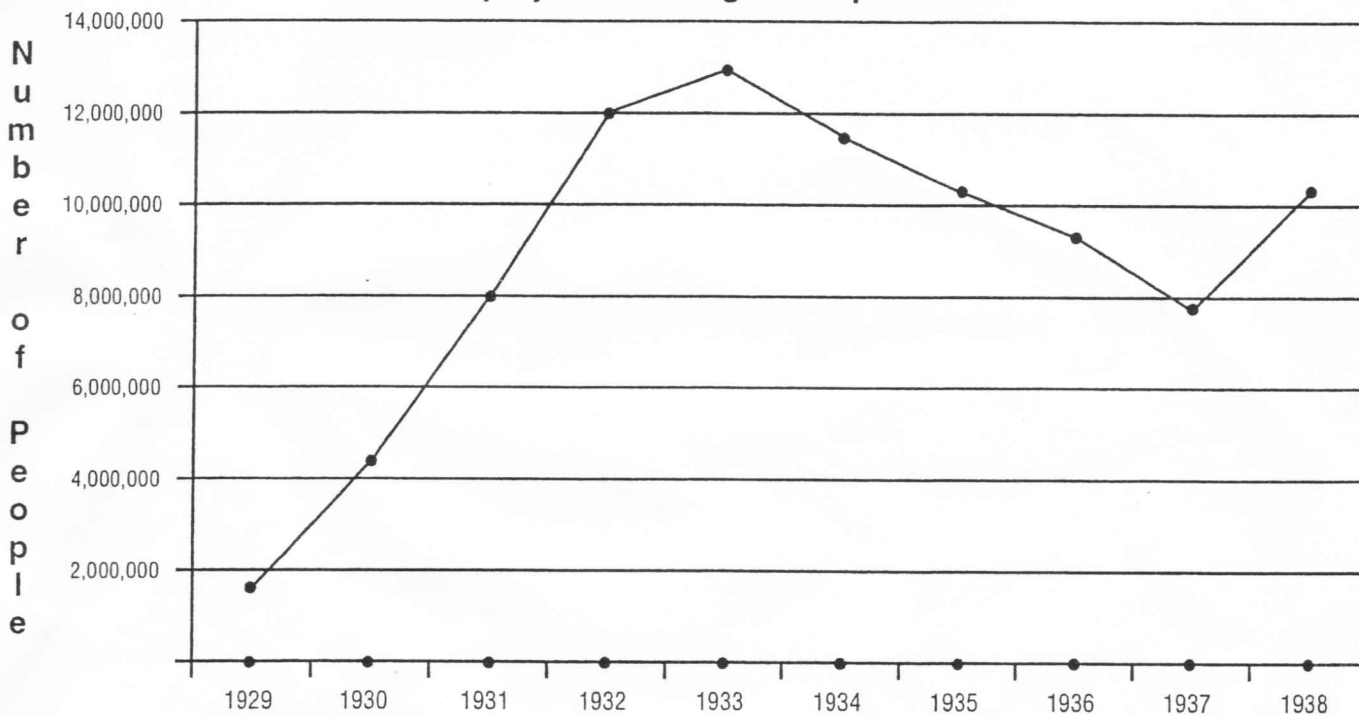


# Startling Statistics

Use the line graph below to help answer the questions at the bottom of the page.

Unemployment During the Depression



1. What is the title of the graph? In what year were the greatest number of people unemployed? In what year during the Depression was the number of unemployed people the lowest? What event signaled the beginning of the Depression? When did it occur? \_\_\_\_\_
2. In which two years were there approximately the same number of unemployed people? About how many people were unemployed in those years? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the average rate of unemployment for the years shown on the graph? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many Americans were unemployed in 1936? 1937? 1938? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What do you think was happening in 1937 to cause the number of unemployed to decrease? What do you think caused unemployment to increase in 1938? Use a separate piece of paper or the back of this page to give your answer.
6. Use the information from the graph above to create a bar graph on a separate piece of paper. In your opinion, which graph best displays the information?

**Bonus:** In what year did President Roosevelt begin his New Deal? Did it have an immediate effect on unemployment? \_\_\_\_\_

**Extension:** Research various New Deal programs and the years in which they took effect. Compare the years of the programs to information on the graph. Can you draw any conclusions about which programs were most effective in ending unemployment?