**GUIDED READING EXERCISE**

**Chapter 24—Forging the New Deal, 1932–1939**

* **Why was the New Deal so important in U.S. history?**

***Download and save this document so you can return to it to take notes and later use it for studying.*** *As you read the chapter, fill in the chart below to help yourself identify why the New Deal was so important in U.S. history. If you copy and paste from the text, make sure you place quotation marks around the copied material; if you are able to describe the reasons in your own words, however, you should do so.*

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| **Aspects of the New Deal era** | **Description** | **Long-term results** |
| **Political alignments** |  |  |
| **Banking and finance reform** |  |  |
| **Work relief** |  |  |
| **Conservation programs** |  |  |
| **Agricultural initiatives** |  |  |
| **Industrial recovery** |  |  |
| **Unemployment relief** |  |  |
| **Labor relations** |  |  |
| **Social security** |  |  |

*After you have read the chapter, use your notes to compose an essay that answers the following question:*

* **Why was the New Deal so important in U.S. history?**

*Be sure to include an opening, introductory paragraph in which you state your thesis. Then use the body of your essay to provide evidence from the chapter to support that thesis. When thinking about how to organize this essay, you might want to describe the different aspects of the New Deal and assess how each affected U.S. society. End by writing a clear conclusion to your essay.*