

Discussion Questions:
“Public Works: When ‘Big Government’ Plays Its Role”

1. Name Adam Cohen’s thesis statement in his editorial, “Public Works: When Big Government Plays Its Role.” Explain your selection.

2. What New Deal agencies are mentioned in the article?

3. According to Cohen, how did the nation benefit from the public works programs of the New Deal? Cite 5 specific details presented in the article that was used to support the thesis.

4. Why does Cohen feel the legacy of the New Deal is ” worth recalling” at this time?

5. Is there is a role for “big government” in today’s economy?