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Primary Source Analysis Worksheet

- Document Title: Radio Address on the 3rd Anniversary of the CCC
- Type of Document (Check One):
  _____ Newspaper  _____ Map  _____ Advertisement
  _____ Letter  _____ Congressional Record  _____ Telegram
  ___ X Speech  _____ Press Release  _____ Census Report
  _____ Book  _____ Report  ___ X Other Radio Address
- Date of the Document: April 17, 1936
- Author or Creator of the Document: FDR

Background of the Author: (position, nationality, gender, occupation, social class, religion, etc.)
President, white, male, upper class, Democrat, New Yorker, Episcopal

- For what audience was the document written? American people, radio listeners, CCC enrollees

Document Information:
In your own words, list 3 main ideas from the document. Cite a quote from the document that illustrates each main idea.

1. **Pride in the enrollees** “You and the men who have guided and supervised your efforts have cause to be proud . . .”

2. **The nation’s young men have improved** “. . . some 1,150,000 of you have been graduated, improved in health, self-disciplined, alert and eager for the opportunity.”

3. **Projects have brought great results in the area of conservation** “. . . projects which benefit both the nation’s youth and conservation generally.”

Why was the document written? Justify the CCC as a successful “experiment” in the New Deal. FDR is also up for reelection in November of 1936.

List 3 things the document informs the reader about life in the nation/region at the time it was written.

1. Much unemployment - the CCC a necessity during the depression
2. Nation’s young men are undernourished
3. 1,150,000 graduated from the program
4. Conservation is a concern of the federal government
5. The Puritan Ethic survives the Great Depression!

Is the document a credible source of information? Explain.

Certainly. The author is the President of the United States who directly helped develop the CCC. He witnessed many of the enrollees at work in the CCC camps. However, the president is trying to “sell” his program during an election year. There is no negative information of the CCC presented.

Name the most memorable or powerful quote from the document. Why were these words chosen?

“The promptness with which you seized the opportunity to engage in honest work, the willingness with which you performed your daily tasks and the fine spirit you have shown in winning the respect of the communities . . . ” FDR uses American values (Puritan work ethic, individualism, pride in a job well done, etc.) to applaud the efforts of the 1.1 million men who enrolled in the CCC.