

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

Discussion Guide Answer Key

1.
 - “We should be thinking today about replicating some of the successes of the Depression-era programs.”
 - General statement that summarizes the info presented in the first three paragraphs
 - Rest of article about projects and why need them today

2.
 - PWA, CCC, WPA

3.
 - PWA and CCC put people to work when unemployment rate was at 25%
 - Great institutions built: Bay Bridge, Hoover Dam, National Airport, Alameda Courthouse, French Mkt.
 - Great hydroelectric dams
 - Water mains, pump stations, sewage treatment plants
 - Road, streets
 - Hospitals, schools, playgrounds
 - CCC: landscaped and made accessible battlefield sites, tree planting, flood control, soil erosion, fire prevention
 - Triborough Bridge, San Antonio River Walk

4.
 - Bridges are collapsing, system failure, need for physical capital improvement
 - Invest in infrastructure

5.
 - Employ idle hands during an economic crisis
 - Confront the nation’s disrepair