

Problem Statement #1

You are the chief executive officer of a major bank which had invested in the stock market and lost a good deal of money in the crash. You are afraid that there may soon be a run on the bank and you will not be able to pay out what people have put into the bank. Write a letter to the President in which you ask him for help. Explain your situation and make specific suggestions about what actions he could take to address your problem.

Problem Statement #2

You are a worker in a large building trades industry. Your employer has severely cut your wages and the hours you can work. You really can't make ends meet with what you are now receiving in wages. Write a letter to the President in which you ask him for help. Explain your situation and make specific suggestions about what actions he could take to address your problem.

Problem Statement #3

You are a North Carolina farmer with a mixed farm producing dairy products, vegetables, and some extra hay. Your farm is not a large farm; prices, of course, have been low. Now, the depression has come. You are very worried about how to make the mortgage payment and how to get up the cash for spring planting. Write a letter to the President in which you ask him for help. Explain your situation and make specific suggestions about what actions he could take to address your problem.

Problem Statement #4

You are a famous landscape artist, or painter. So many are out of work or fear that their income will drop; the last thing people can afford is an expensive painting. You have no individual skills, and unskilled jobs just don't seem to exist due to all the new fangled machinery that's now available. Write a letter to the President in which you ask him for help. Explain your situation and make specific suggestions about what actions he could take to address your problem.

Problem Statement #5

You are a 60-year-old man, formerly employed as a construction worker, but you have been laid off for more than a year. Your wife is terribly ill with polio and needs treatment, but you can't afford the hospital bills. What little savings you had are gone. Your oldest boy graduated from high school last June, but he's unemployed too. Write a letter to the President in which you ask him for help. Explain your situation and make specific suggestions about what actions he could take to address your problem.