

Measuring Historical Inequality

1. Which exhibits deal with our decade only?
2. Which exhibits deal with changes over the last 50 years?
3. Which exhibits deal with data from the 1920s?
4. What was the trend in income inequality over the course of the 1920s? Support your answer with a specific statistic from the documents.
5. Did the distribution of income get more or less equal between 1929 and 1946? Support your answer with two relevant statistics from the same exhibit.
6. Did the distribution of income get more or less equal between 1982 and 2009? Support your answer with two relevant statistics from the same exhibit.
7. How are trends regarding income/wealth equality similar between the 1920s and the past 30 years? Explain your answer using statistics from two different exhibits?
8. What is measured by exhibit 3? From your perspective, what explains the difference between the groups in this exhibit?
9. How might extreme income inequality lead to problems for our economy? Explain your answer in 50 -100 words (on the back).
10. What, if anything, should the government do about extreme levels of income inequality? Explain your ideas and the reasons for your answer in a paragraph of 50 -100 words (on the back).
11. What lessons might a historian draw from these historical datasets? Explain your answer in a paragraph of 50-100 words (on the back).