Lesson 4: Discuss the situation of the United States after WWI.

Aim: 1) let students know the situation of the United States after WWI
2) Understand what was the Great Depression of 1929-1933.
3) What were the effect of the Great Depression to the United States?
4) Discuss the effects of the weakening the western democratic states.

| 3 mins | Revise the last lesson content and continue to discuss why Britain and France did not turn into totalitarian states? | Long established democratic tradition. (we did not mention this point last time.) | Writes the key point in the blackboard. |
| 15 mins | **The United States was strengthened by the WWI.** | Britain and France entered the war and were weakened by the war. 
On the other hand, the Untied States was strengthened by the war? Why & how? 
The United states became the biggest producer and creditor. 
Her stock market boomed. | Writes the key point in the blackboard. |
| 15 mins | **The Great Depression of 1929-1933.**
- a) The weaknesses of the United States economy.
- b) briefly introduce how did the Great Depression begin?
- c) the effect of the Great Depression to the United States. | Do you remember what was the Great Depression. 
Over-crediting and over-speculation. 
The Crash on the Wall Street Stock Market. 
Led to the serious unemployment. 
The United States became weak and busy with dealing the problems brought by the Great Depression. | Writes the key point in the blackboard. Elaborate the points |
| | **The effect of the weakening western democratic governments.** | They need to deal with the problems at home first. 
They could not stop the aggression of the totalitarian states. |