

Analyzing FDR's Speeches



1. During what event did FDR give his famous line, "The only thing we have to fear is, fear itself."
2. Inaugural speeches set the tone for a president's term. Do you think FDR's speech set the tone for what he wanted to accomplish in his first term? Why?

3. Many experts describe FDR's fireside chats as less of a speech and more of sitting a round a fire talking with a friend or neighbor. Do you think that description is accurate? Why?

4. Cite one line from FDR's 1933 fireside chat that relates to his, The Only Thing We Have to Fear Speech.

5. Why did you choose that line? How does it relate to FDR's earlier speech?

