

# Franklin Delano Roosevelt

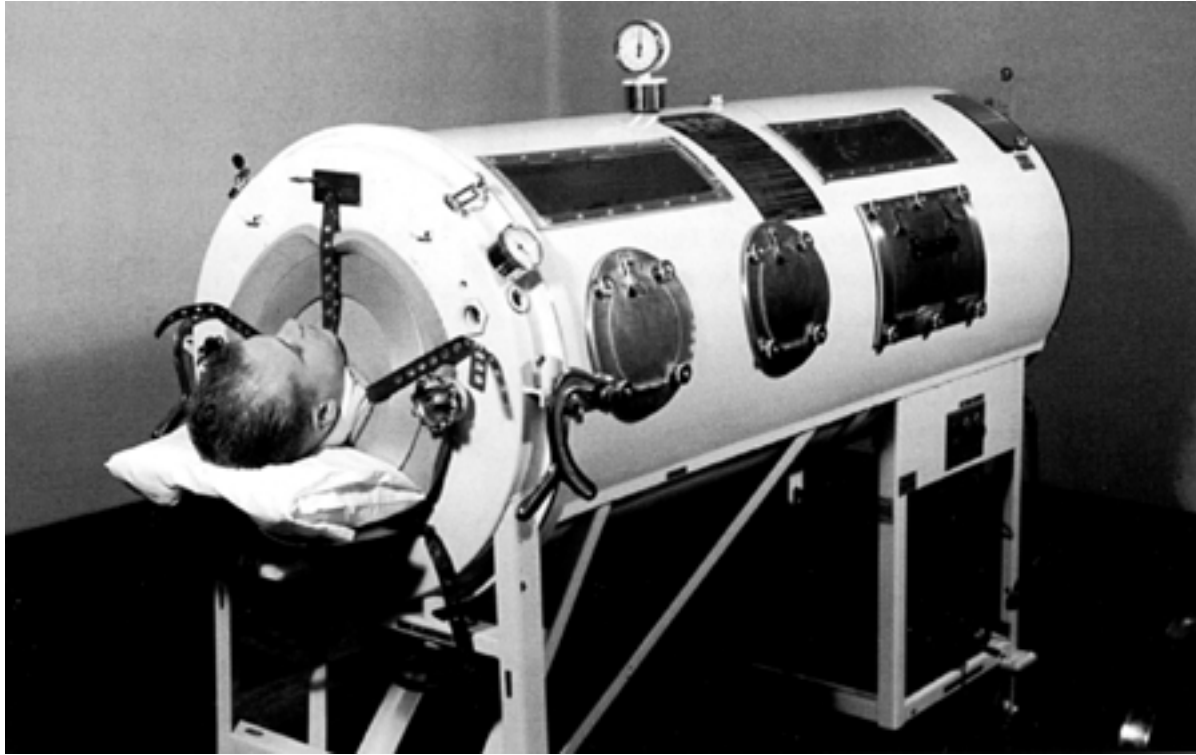
FDR's "New Deal" for America

# Roosevelt's background

- From a wealthy New York family
- 1910: after graduating from Harvard & Columbia law school, FDR enters politics
  - New York state senate
- Rises in the Democratic Party



# 1921: FDR is stricken with polio



# Recovery & Adaptation

- Years of recovery
- Learned to walk with metal braces
  - Kept a secret
- Wife, Eleanor, became active in his politics
  - Making speeches, meetings, etc.



# 1932 Election

- Republicans re-nominated Hoover
- Democrats nominated FDR
- Progressive politics, success as governor of New York
  - Worked for ordinary people
- Infectious, "can-do" attitude



# Roosevelt's Inauguration (1933)

- Inherited the Depression from Hoover
  - Banks collapsed, runs of banks caused chaos
  - Governors declared "bank holidays" - shut down banks to prevent their collapse
- Unemployment up to 23%

*"The only thing we have to fear is  
fear itself..." - FDR, 1933*

# Class work

Chapter 23 - 2 reading guide

Must be done through #6 by end of today

Finish for homework